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*God said to Moses,  
Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.  
Exodus 3:5*

*We are standing in the center of something rare and fine.  
from the lyrics of  
Gathering of Spirits by Carrie Newcomer*

Dear Beloved Trinity Community,

We are standing on holy ground, not because everything is pristine or perfect, but because God is present with us. In the midst of our fear, uncertainty, worry, and doubt, God is with us. The ground on which we are standing is holy.

Our struggles as a community of faith, our questions about the future, and the ongoing work of justice, radical hospitality, and inclusion are invitations to recognize God's presence among us in real and tangible ways. Holy ground is rarely comfortable. It is the place where we take off our shoes, set down our certainties, and listen for a voice that calls us into something new. It is the space where we learn to trust that the Holy Spirit is healing, transforming, and sustaining us... while also poking, prodding, and urging us to do church in a very different way, a way that makes space for those who can no longer abide by the church of old.

As a progressive Christian community, we are committed to walking with compassion, practicing radical welcome, and living out the inclusive gospel of Christ. This mission, by its very nature, challenges long-held beliefs, upends power structures, and creates conflict...conflict in our individual lives and conflict in our corporate life together. This mission makes some decide that their spiritual needs are better met in a faith community that is more comfortable and predictable, with less need to question and doubt. We honor those choices just as we honor the choice of the many who choose to find a place of belonging at Trinity. Every step taken in love, every hard conversation, every question asked in faith, and every act of justice is holy ground.

May we have the courage to remove our shoes, to be fully present, and to trust that the ground on which we stand is sacred. God is here. Right now. Right where we are.

With love and hope,



Pastor Susan Crowell

## COUNCIL NOTES

At the October meeting of the Congregation Council, the council...  
---received a report from the Treasurer noting that expenses for September were \$8,391 less than expected;  
---received a report on the status of the sale of the 429 Property which has been delayed due to the city of Greenville not approving Trinity's request for demolition;  
---learned that Trinity continues to work with Bishop Aebischer, Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, to move forward with plans to extend a call to pastoral ministry to Patrick Preacher;  
---affirmed a proposal from the Executive Committee for a part-time volunteer staff position entitled *Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness* to be filled by Jerry Wesley who will provide and lead events and groups to promote positive mental health and help those in need of counselling for mental health challenges to access those services;  
---expressed gratitude for the many and generous financial commitments that members of the Trinity family have made to support Trinity's mission and ministry in 2026 and learned that the denial of the demolition permit from the city for the 429 building facing North Main Street has created a challenge to the building of a budget/ministry plan for 2026; and  
---approved a report from the Nominating Committee lifting up potential leaders whose names would appear on the ballot for possible leadership on Congregation Council; and  
---learned that selling the church bus is proving difficult due to the many used church buses on the market and that the bus will likely be donated.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Celebration worship at 10:00 am in the Gym  
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

Thursday, November 6

Queer-led Worship and Homecoming in the Gym at 6:30 pm  
Followed by a meal in the Multipurpose Room to celebrate four years of ministry

Sunday, November 9

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary  
Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Sharron Goodlett  
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Sunday, November 16

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym  
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym  
Followed by Together@Trinity in the Multipurpose Room to include lunch and educational programming for all ages

Sunday, November 23

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary  
Community Thanksgiving Meal in the Gym

Sunday November 30

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym  
followed by Opening Session of Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow in the back corner of the Gym

## MUSIC MINISTRY

During the month of November, the Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, November 5, 12, and 19 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. During Thanksgiving week, rehearsal will move to Monday, November 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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.

During the month of November, the Handbell Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, November 5, 12, and 19, from 6:00 - 6:50 pm in the Handbell Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. Handbell choir will not rehearse during the week of Thanksgiving.

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](mailto: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 Christmas Pageant on December 14. 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.



Daylight Saving  
Time Ends  
November 1.

## EMBODYING SABBATH REST DURING ADVENT

Life is a constant hustle: Go! Do! Achieve! Yet even God, who created everything, found time to rest after creating before moving into the work of engaging with creation. And Jesus? Jesus loved to pray ... and rest! How does one rest? Does anyone rest anymore? Is it possible to find time to practice Sabbath? Join Patrick Preacher for classes about Sabbath from a biblical perspective while embodying ways to incorporate Sabbath into your weekly routine – just in time to get your body and mind ready for the bustle of the Christmas Season! This one-hour, two-week class will be offered at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 10 in the Assembly Room. Each session will focus on Sabbath rest and include some opportunities for practice. Participants are welcome to attend one or both of the sessions. Contact Patrick Preacher via text with any questions: 864-483-2590

## WHEN RELATIONSHIPS TURN TOXIC

Trinity is hosting a group for female-identifying persons who are struggling with toxic relationships in their lives and navigating the challenges that come with these relationships. It will be a judgment free time to find community with others struggling with similar issues. Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, will be hosting the group for the first time on Sunday, November 9 at 11:30 am on the first floor of the Education Building. To register for this event, please reach out to Jerry at [jerry.wesley@emergefc.com](mailto:jerry.wesley@emergefc.com). Childcare will be provided. A simple lunch will be served at 11:30 am for participants and their children.



## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The first session of the annual meeting of the congregation will be held immediately after worship in the Gym on Sunday, November 30. At this time the proposed budget/ministry plan for 2026 will be presented and nominees for Congregation Council will be introduced. The meeting will then stand in recess until 11:30 am on Sunday, December 7 when the congregation will meet after worship in the gym to adopt a budget/ministry plan for 2026 and to elect members of Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms and the nominee for the one one-year youth term will be announced via email soon.

While the ballots are being counted, participants will enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is invited to bring a brunch finger food to share. Coffee and juice will be provided.

## GOAL/GREENVILLE ORGANIZED FOR ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Problems Assembly at Long Branch Baptist Church, 28 Bolt Street, Greenville on Thursday, November 6. All in attendance at this event will have the opportunity to vote for two issues to be considered for GOAL to address during this cycle.

The issues for consideration are housing, transportation, mental health, and discrimination. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the event starts at 6:30 pm.



## HISTORY READING GROUP

TLC History Readers will meet on Sunday, November 16 at 12:15 pm in the Church Parlor to discuss a change-of-pace novel. *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley is a “hilarious, bawdy, and irreverent frolic of a tale” that looks at 16th century Europe in the time of Martin Luther. All are welcome to attend. Contact Don Todd at [dk todd47@gmail.com](mailto:dk todd47@gmail.com), 803- 517-8129 or Bob Schirmer at [rwschirmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwschirmer@gmail.com), 419-348-6508 with questions and comments. Use <https://meet.google.com/vbr-kbep-xud> video link to attend remotely. Enter the church by the red canopy door.

## ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION ADVENT SERIES

For the four Sundays of Advent, the Adult Faith Exploration Class will explore and experience how Christmas is observed in each of the four Gospels in a study led by Renee Heiliger. This creative, four-session adult study compares each of the Gospels to styles of various homes. Illustrations of each Gospel house are provided by artist Kevin Burns based on his interpretation of the shape and character of each Gospel. Together adults will be invited to view Christmas from the different perspectives offered in each house as they further reflect on the mystery of Jesus. This study is interactive, hands on, and engages the heart as followers journey to the manger. Class begins at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 & 13 November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.

## 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.

Together @ **TRINITY**  
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*Faith Exploration for all ages*



*you belong!*

**Prepare to Prepare  
for Advent**

**Sunday, November 16 following worship.**



The afternoon includes a meal and various Advent themed activities as we ready ourselves for the season of preparation.

## 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 [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@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 November 9. 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 [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws)

## TRINITY PRESCHOOL PLAY GROUP

Trinity preschool children (infant to K5) and their siblings are invited to gather on Sunday, November 2, in Room 204 in the Pence Building following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together, followed by a story, a song, a craft, and playground time if the weather cooperates. The theme of the day is gratitude and hope. A parent or caring adult is encouraged to attend along with the children. Reach out to Angie McCormack at [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information or to share a food allergy or dietary concern.

## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL



All are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving alongside our neighbors from Towers East following worship on Sunday, November 23. Food will be served in the Multipurpose Room with seating in the Gym. Turkey, dressing, macaroni and cheese, as well as tea, coffee, and water will be provided by the Parish Life Committee. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 PRESCHOOL PLAY GROUP</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 FIBER ARTS GROUP</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 9:30 SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 WHEN RELATIONSHIPS TURN TOXIC</p> <p>1:30 CONGREGATION COUNCIL</p> <p>4:00 SENIOR CLARINET RECITAL</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 16</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 TOGETHER@TRINITY</p> <p>12:15 HISTORY READING GROUP</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY 23</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM</p> <p>11:30 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL IN THE GYM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30</p> <p>9:00 FAITH EXPLORATION FOR ADULTS 10:00 WORSHIP IN THE GYM AND LIVE-STREAM OPENING SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW</p> <p>11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:30 QUEER-LED WORSHIP AND HOMECOMING MEAL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</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;">13</p> <p>2:00 ADVENT OUTREACH EVENT</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>11:30 WELCOME TABLE</p> <p>6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 ADULT CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>12:00 NOON TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</p> <p>6:00 TRINITY YOUNG-ISH ADULTS 6:30 LOVE WINS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>10:00 MAHJONG GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>

TRINITY IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THESE TWENTY NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH. THEY WERE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19.



Steven Barrett  
Greenville, SC



Vincent Braxton  
Travelers Rest, SC



Sherry Cochran  
Roebuck, SC



John Cox  
Easley, SC



Joe Druga  
Simpsonville, SC



Sharron Goodlett  
Spartanburg, SC



Jon and Renee Heiliger  
Clemson, SC



Dedra Johnson  
Greenville, SC



Gene Lynch and Carolyn Wehle  
Greenville, SC



Andrew Morris and Toni Blank  
Greenville, SC



Geoff and Julie Reid  
Lily and Luck  
(pictured with Carmelo)  
Greenville, SC



David (Stopp) Stoppenhagen  
Greenville, SC



Keith and Elizabeth Thompson  
Greenville, SC

### TRINITY YOUNG-ISH ADULTS

Trinity Young-ish Adults will meet on Thursday, November 20 at *Alchemy Comedy*, 1 E. Coffee Street, Greenville - by *Coffee Underground*, to see Trinity's own Deirdre Hixson perform in an Improv Show. The show begins at 7:30 pm. Trinity friends will gather at Coffee Underground at 6:30 pm to socialize before the show. Please contact Lara Wannemacher at 864-630-5325 with any questions. A limited number of tickets will be purchased in advance to guarantee the group gets in. Those who plan to attend can purchase one of those tickets for \$10.

## TOGETHER@TRINITY

This new take on Intergenerational Faith Exploration and community building will hold its third event of the program year after worship, Sunday November 16. Together@Trinity begins with a community meal before moving into activities and faith-based learning. There truly is something for everyone! Please consider joining the Trinity family for this unique and fun educational afternoon. Contact Anne Fagala with questions or to volunteer at [amjs10851271@gmail.com](mailto:amjs10851271@gmail.com).

## OPERATION SANTA

Trinity supports Mental Health America via the Operation Santa program each Christmas season. Please consider donating gloves/hats, L and XL Sweatshirts, blankets, journals, pens, and/or adult coloring books. These items should be newly purchased and placed in one of the donation boxes here at Trinity. Mental Health America then distributes them to their clients based on need. Colorfully wrapped donation boxes can be found in the Breezeway and near the back corner of the Gym by the refreshment table. Please contact Caroline Otten with any further questions at [caroline29712@gmail.com](mailto:caroline29712@gmail.com).



## 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.

## NOVEMBER 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.

Valerie Ashburn—November 21  
Adrian Bigby—November 2  
Jim Blalock—November 29  
Mike Boliek—November 18  
Wynne Boliek- November 28  
Harris Brightwell—November 17  
Roger Brown—November 30  
Deirdre Hixson's son  
Jordan Forbes—November 17  
Rachelle Holmes—November 26  
Pattimarie Janssen—November 7  
Mary Lampson—November 1  
Ted Landreth—November 3  
Evan Otten—November 9

Margo Otten—November 7  
Christine Parham—November 17  
Willie Pittman—November 1  
Cathy Rice—November 20  
Susan Schwartzkopf—November 22  
Caroline Stipp—November 6  
Emmie Wannemacher—November 13  
Mac Wannemacher—November 13  
Owen Wannemacher—November 13  
Dora Welch—November 9  
Robyn Wilcox—November 6  
Jack Wolff—November 4



## 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](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLOGIVE 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 November 12 and December 10.

## 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.

### November Prayer Volunteers

November 2–8  
Karen Nichols

November 9–15  
Merry Mulcahy

November 16–22  
Sally Boliek

November 23–29  
David Nichols

November 30–December 6  
Sandra Hamann

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All Trinity adults are invited to attend a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 pm at the home of Dexter Brecht and Jack Heidt, 236 Woodhouse Way, Greenville. All participants are encouraged to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange as well as an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Soft drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP for this event by reaching out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) or Patrick Preacher at [pdpreacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdpreacher@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 November 19 and December 10. 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](mailto: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, November 3 at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Contact Jenn Jordan at 314-605-2605 with questions.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A “Blue Christmas” or “Longest Night” service is a holiday tradition at Trinity. Christmas is not all glitter, gold, and ribbons for everyone. The holidays often invite feelings of loss and despair at the current state of our world, the empty chairs around our tables caused by loss, and the painful reminder of broken relationships. This worship service creates and holds space for those emotions. All are welcome to come together in worship on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer, song, and lament by candlelight. Anyone interested in sharing a gift of musical offering should contact Patrick Preacher via text at 864-483-2590.

## ADVENT OUTREACH EVENT

An Advent Outreach event will be held in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building on Thursday, November 13 at 2:00 pm to help prepare for the holiday season. Participants will assemble Christmas Eve gifts for Trinity’s children, treat bags for neighbors at Towers East, a mailing to college students, and write Christmas cards for folks in the Trinity family in need of some extra love and care during the holiday season. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at [scrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:scrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) to register.

## QUEER - LED WORSHIP HOMECOMING

Queer-led Worship will celebrate four years of ministry 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. Absolutely all people, queer and allies alike, are welcome to worship. This service will be live-streamed. A Taco Bar meal in the Multipurpose Room to follow. Please make plans to celebrate this milestone accomplishment in worship and at table! Please email Patrick Preacher at [pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:pdp preacher@trinitylutheran.ws) with questions.

## 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. The group will meet on Thursday, November 20, in the Parlor at 6:30 pm to discuss the book, *Katharina & Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk*, by Michelle DeRusha. Participants are asked to bring a simple snack to share. For more information or to sign up, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws).



## TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Trinity's annual Transgender Memorial Service, held in partnership with the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, will take place on Thursday, November 20 at noon in the Sanctuary. Please consider attending to remember the transgender lives lost across the nation this year to acts of violence and to bear witness to God's love through Christ for the trans community.

## 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. The group will gather on Sunday, November 30, following worship at *Mac's Speed Shop*, 930 South Main Street. Please reach out to Angie McCormack at 864 630-4026 to reserve your space at lunch.

# WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY...

## Death

Tad Boland on October 17

## Hospital Patients

Kay Cook - Discharged

Roy Cook - Discharged

## ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

Sundays	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Online devices	601	500	501	350
In Person	<u>137</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>155</u>
	738	642	642	505

Queer-Led Worship on October 2 - 30 in person, 366 online devices

## OFFERING SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

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

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	\$ 95,403	\$ 858,623
Given to Budget	<u>\$ 85,608</u>	<u>\$ 820,204</u>
Difference	\$ (9,795)	\$ (38,419)
Given to World Hunger	\$ 45	\$ 10,742

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*Order Your Poinsettias*



2025 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church for the Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$20.00 for each poinsettia no later than Tuesday, December 16. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 5:30 pm service on Christmas Eve, after Worship on Sunday, December 28, and Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31. Any remaining Poinsettias will be shared with our Towers East neighbors.

Enclosed/attached is my \$20.00 for each poinsettia given.

in ( ) honor of

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

in ( ) memory of

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_