



# FAITH LIVING

Weekly Announcements of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lilburn, GA

September 8, 2019

## NEXT WEEK:

### 14th Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2019

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God..

## Visitor?

Welcome! If you have any questions, please take a moment to read our WELCOME brochure found in the pews. We invite you to let us know of your presence here today by filling out the purple bulletin insert and dropping it in the offering plate.

## Welcome Bishop!

Today we welcome Bishop Kevin Strickland to Trinity as our guest preacher. Bishop Strickland was elected as the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod in June and we are pleased to welcome him today to Trinity.

## 13th Sunday after Pentecost: A Centering Promise

The words from Jesus today might make us squirm a bit, and we might prefer to gloss over them. *Hate* our family members? Hate life itself? Give up *all* our possessions? It all sounds so extreme. But then again, Jesus is not known to mince words or soften the edges of his speech to suit our comforts. How do we begin to live into this life that Jesus demands?

Perhaps we should consider the question in a slightly different way: If we strip away everything from our lives, what remains? What rests at the core of all the other stuff? In our baptism, this question was answered once and for all, though we may forget it or even doubt it at times: Jesus is at the core of all we are and all we do. The cross rests at the center of who we are and all that we have.

Our possessions and even our healthiest relationships will continually try to mask or overtake the cross that marks our lives. We become convinced that our identity rests in our possessions and relationships. That's the nature of sin. But Jesus reminds us today that the cross centers all we do, all we have, and all we are—and that carrying the cross centers us in that gift.

The promise here is found in Jesus' command, "Follow me." He doesn't say, "Lug the cross around by yourself." He says, "Carry the cross and follow me" (Luke 14:27). The *follow me* is a gift. The *follow me* invites us to action alongside the one who first carries the cross for us. The *follow me* promises that we will never be alone. The *follow me* leads us to a new way of life centered in Christ.

## Fall Kick-off - September 8

### Mission Fair

We are excited to kick off our fall programming with a Mission Fair in Hanberry Hall on Sunday, **September 8**. Stop by after worship and browse – looking for ways to connect your discipleship to the mission of our congregation.

### Family Potluck – 5:00 pm

Join us at 5:00 pm for a old fashioned family potluck! Let's take some time to enjoy God's gifts of food, family and fellowship downstairs in Shepherd's Hall.

### Trinity Sing-a-Long – 6 pm

We conclude the evening upstairs in Hanberry Hall with some of Trinity's musicians and singing some old and new favorites.

*Through God's grace, growing as God's disciples.*

## Adult Sunday School

### Animate: Bible

*Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the Parlor*

Animate: Bible is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible, including the canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretation and grace. We'll watch short videos by Rachel Held Evans, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Will Willimon and others, then discuss what we've heard. David Wickert will lead this class. All are welcome.

### Faith Walk Bible Study

Want to get more out of worship services? Join Pastor Katie each Wednesday at 11-12 am in the Parlor as we explore the Bible readings for the following Sunday. We use the Daily Devotions as our beginning point. Daily Devotions are written by Pastor Katie and are available on our website.

### Wednesday Parlor Class

Ed Ringers invites you to join him on Wednesday evenings at 6-7 pm in the Parlor for Bible Study. The study will focus on the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday.

### New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a member at Trinity? Pastor Katie would be delighted for you to join her at our New Member class on **September 22** from 12:30-3:00. Lunch will be provided as we discuss various elements of what it means to be Lutheran as well as what it means to be a part of the body of Christ here at Trinity. *Sign up on the purple insert so we have a count for lunch.* Bring your appetite for good food and meaningful conversation! Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Katie with any questions.

### Quilting Day

PieceMakers invites you to join them for a Lutheran World Relief Day of Quilting on Saturday, **Sept 21**, from 9 am - 3 pm in Shepherd's Hall. Lunch will be provided but please sign up for lunch. There will be instruction on how to make a top between 10:30 and 12. Contact Vicki Thiemann for more information at 404-445-3903 or by email at [thiemannv@gmail.com](mailto:thiemannv@gmail.com). *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

## Pastor's Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an exciting week we have had with opportunities to worship, fellowship and serve! On Wednesday night we resumed our Celebrate activities.

This morning, we are blessed to have a very special guest preacher! The newly elected Bishop of the Southeastern Synod Pastor Kevin Strickland will be preaching at both services.

On Saturday and Sunday through various God's Work Our Hands projects, we have opportunities to use the gifts that God has given to us in service to others. On Saturday, the youth served through a yard work project. On Sunday morning in Hanberry Hall we will be assisting WELCA with assembling baby care kits and personal care kits and the children will be assembling cookie jars during Sunday School that will be taken to the Lilburn Co-op. On Sunday afternoon, we will have the Paxton Road cleanup, we will take cookies to local fire stations and write letters to those serving in the military.

On Sunday morning we will have Rally Day activities with our Mission Fair in Hanberry Hall. The goal of the Mission Fair is to provide easily accessible information about various ministries of the church. Whether you're new to Trinity or have been attending for years, I encourage you to take a few moments to stop by the Mission Fair. Come and learn about the various ministries of the church. You may even find yourself led to participate in something new!

On Sunday evening, we will finish out Rally Day with our Congregational Potluck at 5pm and our Sing-a-long at 6pm. Fall kick off is an exciting time! May we enjoy a week of reconnecting as we worship, fellowship and serve together.

Blessings,

*Pastor Katie*

### Backpack Buddies

The Backpack Buddies program is off to a great start for the school year! This program provides elementary school children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals a sack of healthy and easy-to-prepare foods. The sack is for the weekend when students are not at school and don't have access to the free-meal program. For many of these children, school meals may be the only reliable meals they eat during the week. We are again partnering up with Shiloh Elementary School for 20 children. Place your donations in the Backpack Buddies bin in Hanberry Hall or you can contribute funds and we'll do the shopping! Make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Backpack Buddies on the memo of your check. *The most needed items this week are vegetables (small cans with pop tops.)*

## Small Groups & Events

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

If you are a caregiver, a family member or a friend of someone with dementia, we invite you to join us for our monthly support group. This group serves to provide emotional, educational and social support for those with a loved one who has dementia. We will meet on **September 12** in the Parlor from 6pm – 7pm. Please contact Pastor Katie with questions or for more information.

### JUST Club

J.U.S.T. is for individuals over 50 and couples in which at least one person is over 50. Join us on **September 13 in Hanberry Hall**. Please bring an appetizer, side, main or dessert dish. Wine and appetizers begin at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00. This month we'll be playing some Bingo! *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Knit & a Prayer

Looking for a way to use your skills to help others? Our Knit and a Prayer group crochets or knits hats and scarves for those in need. We will be meeting on **September 15** at 3:00 pm in B103. If you are just learning, come and join us and let us help you learn!

### Meditation Group

All are invited to join the Meditation Group on Thursday, **September 19**, at 6 pm in the Parlor. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Dinner Divas

Looking for a dinner group to get to know other women in our congregation? Join our Dinner Divas group who meets monthly for dinner, fellowship and devotion. We will be meeting on **September 17** pm at Jim 'N Nicks (1190 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville GA 30045) on the patio. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Table Talk

Table Talk is a casual discussion of current issues held at Summit's Tavern. We will meet this fall on the third Tuesday of the month. The goal is not to agree but to listen to one another in a spirit of community. Mark your calendar now for **September 17**. *Sign up today on the purple bulletin insert.*

### Java Knit & a Prayer

Java Knit and a Prayer will meet Friday, **September 27**, at the Alcove Coffee Shop (4615 Stone Mountain Hwy, Lilburn GA 30047) at 11:00 am for a cup of coffee or tea and good conversation and some knitting and crocheting.

## Confirmation

This ministry, for all Middle Schoolers, is a three-year study program that will cover the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Lutheran Church and its history. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7-8:30 pm. Orientation is **September 4** at 7pm and should be attended by parents and student.

## SWAG

Saved With Amazing Grace (SWAG) will begin with a *Student/Parent Potluck* in Shepherd's Hall at 6:15 on **September 15**. Our Director of Youth Ministries, John Parson, will go over the calendar for the year and let everyone know how they can be involved in this ministry. So come with questions and be prepared for a fun year of youth ministry.

## Families Serving Families – Wednesday Night Celebrate Dinners

We are doing Wednesday Night Celebrate Dinners a little differently this year! We are asking individuals, families and church groups to sign up to provide meals for Trinity's Wednesday Night Celebrate Dinners. Dinner should be ready to be served from 5:30 until 6:30 pm. Each group will also be responsible for cleaning up Hanberry Hall after the meal is over. If you are not able to provide a dinner but would like to help with clean up only, please email Laura McHan ([lauramchan@comcast.net](mailto:lauramchan@comcast.net)) – subject line *Wednesday Night Celebrate Clean Up Crew*. We have a place for you to help as well!

Popular Wednesday night dinners have included Mexican Night and Italian Night. People have also enjoyed grilled cheese sandwiches and soup as well as chicken nuggets and mac n cheese. Based on our best estimate, please plan on feeding 30 to 40 people. We'd love it if each group could sign up for two or three meals during the school year. Here is the sign-up link:

**[www.TakeThemAMeal.com/QTEN8150](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/QTEN8150)**

One thing to note - the Wednesdays in Lent are not on this schedule. Those dinners are organized by another group at Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Laura McHan or Pastor Katie.

Fellowship is so important to binding our congregation together. Thank you so much for your help in continuing this Wednesday night tradition at Trinity!

## SERVING SAINTS

	September 8	September 15
Altar Guild	Sarah Kuester Denise Beaver	Edith English Karen Pritchard
Acolyte (9:00)	Bob Davis	Abbey Christie
Crucifer (9:00)	Alan Stohl	
Assistant Minister (9:00)	Bob Davis	Max Yost
Communion Assistants (9:00)	Sarah Kuester Darryl Kopp Scott Pritchard Christina Richardson Kristy Perkins	Linda Graves Karen Anderson Dennis Mantovani Pam Mantovani Ken Nielsen
Front Entrance Greeter (9:00)	Lorraine Rapin	Karen Anderson
Back Entrance Greeter (9:00)	Mike Hilyard	Jean Minkin
Ushers (9:00)	Lyle Helgerson Darwin Christensen Joe Ruzgis Travis Wilhite	Mike Hilyard Doug Shockley Paul Kuester Jim Elsenbeck
Acolyte (11:15)	Anneliese Dunn	Charlotte Griffith
Crucifer (11:15)	Cameron Dunn	Caroline McHan
Assistant Minister (11:15)	Doug Doblar	Trela Haralson
Communion Assistants (11:15)	Ranate Patrick Faith Turner Darlene Luciani Anne Beck	Mike Hilyard Carl Mason Peggy Brown Shirley Connelly
Front Entrance Greeter (11:15)	Lorena Hendry	India Wells
Back Entrance Greeter (11:15)	Cathy Forte	
Ushers (11:15)	Viva Boyett Dennis Connelly Ron O'Connor	Ed Timmons Eric Beaver Mike Weller
Tellers	Sandy Reed Sara Lamb	Kristy Perkins Pat Rhodes
Communion Bread Bakers	Daniel Sobczak	Sandy Reed

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please switch with someone and then contact the church office ASAP so that reminders will be sent to the correct person. Please note that the coordinators for each area of ministry are listed. If you would like to help serve, please contact the coordinator for that area.

### Serving Saints Coordinators

Altar Guild: Sarah Kuester (770) 921-0099  
 Assisting Ministers: Debbie Ringer (770) 972-6606  
 Communion Assistants: Debbie Ringer (770) 972-6606  
 Tellers: Shannon Mantovani (678) 852-3070  
 All Others: Melanie Haynes (church office) (770) 972-4418

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

### Sunday, September 8

09:00am Traditional Worship Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 11:15am Praise Worship Service  
 12:30pm Lydia Circle  
 05:00pm Family Potluck  
 06:00pm Trinity Sing-a-long

### Monday, September 9

06:30pm Resounding Joy  
 07:30pm Messenger

### Tuesday, September 10

11:00am Yoga  
 12:15pm Esther Circle  
 07:00pm Rebecca Circle

### Wednesday, September 11

11:00am Faith Walk  
 01:00pm Trinity Staff Meeting  
 05:30pm Celebrate Dinner  
 06:00pm Parlor Class - Adult Bible Study  
 06:00pm Celebration Ringers  
 06:15pm Dynamic Range  
 06:30pm Extreme Team  
 07:00pm Allegro Bells  
 07:00pm Stephen Ministry Training  
 07:00pm Praise Worship/Confirmation

### Thursday, September 12

06:00pm PieceMakers  
 06:00pm Alzheimer's Support Group

### Friday, September 13

06:30pm JUST Club

### Saturday, September 14

09:00am Brown Bag

### Sunday, September 15

09:00am Traditional Worship Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 11:15am Praise Worship Service  
 03:00pm Knit & a Prayer  
 04:44pm Celestial Praise  
 05:30pm New Beginnings  
 06:15pm SWAG Parent Potluck