



**JANUARY 15, 2023**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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### Bible Classes

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are three of many...

- THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

This class meets from 6:30-7:45pm during OASIS on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. Remember, at OASIS, we also have our 5th-7th grade Confirmation classes!

- 1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE • Tuesdays@11am

**Back in Session on January 17**

This class is held in the Sanctuary. In 1,2,3 John, the Apostle John is writing to his congregations of the importance of remaining faithful to Christ as false teachers were trying to lure them away from the church. There are many lessons for us today!

- MEN OF FAITH: Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

This group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study Lutheran theology.

### Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's Monday Night Bible Study was on break through the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will resume our study of Psalms on **Monday, January 16 at 7 pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome to join us. *For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268.*

### KNOW THE FACTS – MAKE A PLAN

"KNOW THE FACTS – MAKE A PLAN" a new series of educational seminars brought to you by the Care Ministry. Our presenters are people who have extensive knowledge in the topic they are providing. There will be no "sales pitch," however the presenter will speak with you briefly following the presentation and may be able to assist you in the privacy of your own home – if you initiate an appointment.

#### COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Registration 9:45 AM "Storm Clouds on the Horizon" and "Your WILL is your greatest gift to your Family". RSVP with Jan- jreynolds@trinitylcs.org

### AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on January 25 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance.

## CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

**Sundays at 10:15am, ADULT CROSS TRAINING** meets in the **Board Room** in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** leading. Adults study the same stories as the children to encourage family faith sharing! (Questions? Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

## "MEN OF FAITH" GROUP

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. COME AND JOIN US!** We are a small group in an informal study of theology! We are starting the book "Concordia, the Lutheran Confessions" — you can buy it online (\$40), or Pastor may have some used copies you can purchase (\$20). This is good chance to think through the major teachings of the Christian faith; this is one way that you can grow in your Biblical literacy and doctrinal soundness! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bolte!  
**Write it down: Tuesdays at 6:30pm!!**

## CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome at worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday worship services! At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.

**"God bestowed new life on us in Holy Baptism. He now comes to feed and nourish us. We cannot go back to the cross, but because the risen and ascended Christ possesses all the authority of God's Right Hand, He can and does bring the fruits of the cross to us."**

*The Blessings of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.21*

## Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org**

## AmazonSmile

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*We thank you for considering Trinity Lutheran Church & School as the recipient of your AmazonSmile charity of choice. Your donations make it possible for us to share the good news of Jesus Christ.*



## Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke will be studied with Rev. Les Self as the leader. In the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

## Mission Moment

Where is God in my week?  
Did I leave Him at church?!  
Or do I let Him open my heart to hear Him all day/week long?!  
How am I listening to His Word?  
How could I talk to God throughout the day?



## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAW OF GOD!

The Law of God will expose your sin and lead you to confession. It is not pleasant nor easy to hear — but you need to hear it and believe it! The Law of God convicts you of sin and exposes your pride, rebellion, disobedience and immorality. Let the Law of God work in your heart, turn from your sin, and confess it to God. Then believe that the Lord forgives you in His Son Jesus Christ! (This entire process is called "repentance".)

## SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and individuals about baptism! What a miracle God has prepared for us! I would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism! Not sure how to talk to someone else about God's gift of baptism? Let's chat and maybe I can give you ideas. Call me: Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



## Understanding the Absolution

Sometimes visitors in a Lutheran service of worship are surprised to hear in the general confession and absolution our pastors saying: "Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Our Lutheran Confessions help us to understand why our pastors speak this way: "It is not the voice or word of the man who speaks it, but it is the Word of God, who forgives sin, for it is spoken in God's stead and by God's command"(AC XXV.3).

Absolution is the Lord's life-giving, sure and certain word that does for us what no surgery, medicine, therapy, counseling, or advice can do for us. The Lord's Word of Absolution doesn't cover up or hide our sin. Nor does it give us only a temporary relief that soon fades away. Our Lord's word of absolution reconciles us to God the Holy Trinity.

*What About Confession and Absolution? Dr. A.L. Barry, President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

## The Book of Concord

Lutherans have used the confessions of faith contained in the [Book of Concord] for nearly 500 years as their public witness and testimony of what the Bible teaches. These confessions give clear, unambiguous, and certain witness to the Christian faith. They unite all those who bear the name Lutheran and wish to be -- and remain -- genuinely Lutheran. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.9 [slightly adapted] *Men, come and join us on Tuesdays @6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord! See Pastor Bolte for more details!*

### Prayer of the Week

*God the Father, we thank you for baptizing us in Your Son Jesus Christ, and giving us the Holy Spirit. We thank you for washing us clean from our sins, for giving us new and eternal life, and for reconciling ourselves to You. Give us the conviction and the knowledge that baptism is Your work alone in our lives, a gift of grace and mercy. Help us to remember our baptisms, that we belong to You and live in Your Kingdom each day. Help us to remember that we live under the cross of Your Son Jesus because we have been baptized in Your Most Holy Name, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

## Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. Men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits.

They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.10. [slightly adapted]

### Why go to the Lord's Supper?

But those who are mindful of their weakness desire to be rid of it and long for help. They should regard and use the Sacrament just like a precious antidote against the poison that they have in them. Here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin. It contains and brings with it God's grace and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune. So you have, from God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, from yourself, you have your own distress, which is around your neck. Because of your distress this command, invitation, and promise are given. This ought to move you. For Christ Himself says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" [Matthew 9:12]. In other words, He means those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh, and of the devil. If, therefore, you are heavy laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and receive refreshment, comfort, and strength [Matthew 11:28].

*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar, V.70ff*

**PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



- **Feb. 17: SR Youth Midnighter (starts at 6pm)**
- **TBD: SR Youth GameR Night**

## January 'Let's Go' International Dinner

'Let's Go' launches into the New Year celebrating the success of the International Dinner ministry! In the last seven years the attendance at the dinner events has grown from 6 to nearly 40! There have been 56 International Dinner Nights, visited 31 different restaurants and experienced 21 different cuisines/countries! Our groups have grown into enjoying excellent fellowship and friendship.

**'Let's Go' announces it's first 2023 International Dinner!** We will start the New Year with some Southern Soul Food. Head with us to 'Flavors of Louisiana' for Cajun style Southern Soul Food and great fellowship. The date is January 26, the time is 6:30 PM. Flavors of Louisiana is located at 13025 W. Rancho Santa Fe Blvd, Avondale, between Dysart and McDowell.

Please make your reservations by January 25!  
Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233.

### Death of a Christian

because of our baptism into the living, life giving body of Jesus, the Christian view of death is also radically different from that of the world. Disciples of Jesus die long before they die. Paul expresses it this way: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4). . . Baptism is therefore our major death, major burial, and major funeral in life. It is "major" in two ways. One, by baptism the father deals with all our major problems: sin, death, shame, guilt, alienation, condemnation. Two, Baptism gives us no minor gift but the major gift of new life, new peace, New Hope, all in Jesus our Lord. . . Our physical death, therefore, which seems like The End to the world, is simply a minor portal through which we leave this visible world to be with Christ in Paradise, Where we will await "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed).

*Limping with God, Chad Bird, p. 155*

## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May 10. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church. Trinity's **teens in grades 8-12** meet in the LIGHT Lounge youth room to study God's Word with Ms. Laura. **Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion!**

**CONFIRMATION**  
**Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom  
**Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm**  
5th & 6th grade - Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom  
7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 404



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

**JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!**

**3s-Kinder:** Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney, Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)

**1-3-grade:** Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)

**4-6-grade:** Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)

**7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:**

Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)

**Adults:** Janet Sienkiewicz (Boardroom)

**Lesson 14: PROMISED MESSENGERS**  
Haggai 2:1-9; Malachi 3:1-7; 4

**BIBLE TRUTH:**  
God promises to send His messengers.

**LAW & GOSPEL**  
Like generations before me, I ignore the messengers  
God sends me. God gives me His Word to guide  
my life and show me my Savior, Jesus.

Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words.  
*The Book of Concord, Large Catechism 1:100-101*

### Questions about Trinity School?

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### Sunday Worship on Campus

830 East Plaza Circle • Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

7:30am Traditional Worship

9:00am/10:15am Contemporary Worship

11:30am Blended Worship

6:00pm Casual Traditional Worship

Services are also posted on Facebook and TrinityLCS.org

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