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Meet our NEW Director of Families, Youth, and Children!

Janet Sienkiewicz

grew up on a farm in central Kansas. She graduated from Concordia College in Seward, NE with a degree in Secondary Education. She was first Called to teach Social Studies for grades 6-8 at Ascension Lutheran School in Landover Hills, Maryland. She then taught US History, Economics, Government and Religion at Long Island Lutheran High school in Brookville, New York.



Janet next moved to Arizona to teach first grade at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran School, Phoenix. She spent the last 14 years as a personal trainer (with husband, Troy) while raising (and homeschooling) children, Haley (22 yrs.), Alec (18 yrs.), and Trinity (11 yrs.). In her spare time, Janet enjoys hiking, reading, and all other physical activities. She loves her family, their wiener dogs, Chiefs football, and KU basketball - Rock Chalk! (If you know, you know :).

Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to Study at 7pm the first and third Mondays of each month. We will begin a new study in November as we look at Jesus' divinity in the words he uses for Himself with I AM.

Call Karen Frusti 602.828.2268 or Pat Paulsen 623.935.1485 for additional information.

Although the official Hallmark Card recognition of Pastor Appreciation Day/Month didn't begin until the early 1990s, St. Paul admonished his readers in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Paul, "... to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." Today, the month of October is set aside to remember the pastors who serve us faithfully. God has blessed Trinity over the years with pastors who have done just that, so it's a good time to thank Him for those He has called to lead Trinity Lutheran Church as well as those who may have been a special blessing to you personally.

Take some time this month to personally thank Pastor Bolte and Pastor Self as well as their families who support them in their work. Drop 'em a card, catch them in person, shoot an email to let them know you appreciate them!



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



CROSS Training Sunday School for all Ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

Give your children the benefit of knowing the timeless Bible stories that teach them who God is, what God's love has done for them in Jesus Christ and what their purpose in life is!

CROSS Training!
NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



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.

Prayer of the Week

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, there are so many things that we do not understand about the world we live in and the life we live. The sin, injustice, oppression, and evil in the world are so great. But we know that it is all in Your good hands. Give us faith to trust You so that we can live simple lives in faith. Give us faith so that we can fear You, keep Your commandments, and enjoy Your good gifts to us. Amen!

STUDY THE WORD

God alone can create and preserve faith in us. God creates faith in us through the Word. He increases, strengthens and confirms faith in us through His Word. Hence the best service that anybody can render God is diligently to hear and read God's Word. On the other hand, nothing is more perilous than to be weary of the Word of God. Thinking he knows enough, a person begins little by little to despise the Word until he has lost Christ and the Gospel altogether. *Commentary on Galatians, Martin Luther Chapter 1: 11-12*

Special Congregational Meeting

It is time to have our loans with LCEF renewed. This meeting will be to discuss and approve the new restructure that we have been working with LCEF on for the next triennium. This special meeting will be Sunday, October 13th at 12:45pm

South Sudan Update

One of the ways that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan and Sudan works in the jungle communities is by digging wells for the people. It creates goodwill and draws people to hear the message of the gospel. Part of our mission dollars dug this well in the Makpandu area of South Sudan. We pray that the Lord will bless this well with healthy water so that the people will hear about the Living Water of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your faithful giving, a part of which enables us to help Christians on the other side of the world!



Bible Classes are in session!

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound disciples. Below are a couple Pastor-led studies...

- The Gospel of Mark

This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, in the Sanctuary. The Gospel of Mark is an action paced account of Jesus' life that focuses on His power as He works miracles to confirm that His Word is true. Learning the teachings of Jesus is a lifelong venture; this is an opportunity to continue learning!

- The Nicene Creed

This class meets on Tuesdays, 11:00am, in the Founder's Hall. We say the Nicene Creed together in worship regularly: but what does it mean and why was it created? We will study this "Ecumenical Creed" that has united the Christian Church for 1,700 years!

- MEN OF FAITH

This Men's Group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord). Books are only \$20 (a steal!), and you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV. 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meets every Tuesday@ 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

Bring your Bible, Pastor will provide class notes for you. It doesn't matter what your knowledge of Scripture is; and you do not have to talk if you don't want to! If you need a Bible, Pastor will give you one for free! The important thing is to study God's Holy Word! Come study with us and meet new people! If you have any questions, please talk to or email Pastor at dbolte@trinitylcs.org.

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm.**



Throughout the year we've been highlighting various areas of Trinity's ministry throughout our 50 years together. Our celebration will culminate with a celebration dinner and a chance to look back on God's goodness to us through the mission and ministry of His place & His people.

The celebration dinner will take place on Saturday, October 26. Mix n Mingle appetizers will be served starting at 5:30pm. Dinner will begin at 6:30



50th Anniversary Merch!

As part of Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the Anniversary Committee is making available for purchase, various shirts, blouses, and bags that feature this 50th Anniversary logo.



This is a great opportunity to celebrate our 50th Anniversary throughout the year!

Follow the link below or scan this QR code to see style the shirts and options, and to order. Note that items will continue to be available, but after October 31, orders will be shipped to your address directly and a shipping charge will be applied. Be sure to check sizing information found with the 'Specifications' link for each product.

<https://bit.ly/50AnniversaryShirts>

OASIS Bible Study & Confirmation

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm thru May. 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 Alec Gnam.

CONFIRMATION

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:45pm
Senior Confirmation - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm
5th/6th grades -Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom
7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Founders' Hall

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

LISTEN FOR THE GOSPEL!

The number one thing to listen for in a sermon is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. How is the Gospel being proclaimed? What has God done for you? How does it apply to you? Do you believe what is being proclaimed to you? The Gospel is what creates and strengthens your faith. Be sure to listen for, identify, and apply the Gospel to your own life! The Gospel creates and strengthens your faith!

Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you -- the Holy Scripture -- and no other book on earth. *Martin Luther (WA 48: 155)*

Giving to the Lord

One of the greatest joys of the Christian faith and life is giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord. This may seem really strange to you if this is new to you. Our natural inclination is to be very guarded with our money. But yet in faith, we realize that everything we are and everything we have is a gift from God's good hand, including our money. Giving of your tithes and offerings reflects that faith, as you support the work of Christ in our congregation.

There is true joy in giving to the Lord!

Pledge Card Sunday will be Sunday, Dec. 1st. Our custom here at Trinity is to ask you to fill out a pledge card, (after prayer, thought, and planning), & bring it up front as a confession of faith. No one here at Trinity opens that pledge card; rather we will mail it back to you unopened in six months. This is a devotional exercise to help you keep the Lord first, and have a Godly perspective on your money.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We will be celebrating "All Saints Day" on Sunday, Nov. 3. The word "saint" is from the Latin word sanctus and means "holy". The Bible teaches us that a "saint" is one "set apart (holy)" through faith in Jesus Christ (see 2 Timothy 1:9). In faith, we all are "saints"! [There is no such thing as the Roman Catholic idea of "sainthood" where someone has more good works than they need to enter heaven and you can pray to them to help you.] On All Saints Day, we will remember our fellow brothers and sisters who have died this past year here at Trinity.

BEWARE: Fraud Alert

From Pastor Bolte: "I am working with a family of our congregation to warn everyone NOT to give money, gift cards, etc. to anyone who asks you, even if they are a member of the congregation. If someone approaches you and asks for money, please call Pastor Bolte (623.694.2685) to make sure it is not a part of this fraud and scam situation."

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



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God has entrusted you with His gifts to apply them to care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. Your executor (personal representative) or trustee have the responsibility to enact your wishes someday. That means it is important to carefully choose those representatives and to plainly express your God-directed wishes for His gifts. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in thinking about, and praying about, these important choices.

Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnd.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Orphan Grain Train News

Our first shipment of hurricane relief aid for Asheville, NC left early this morning. Included on the load of 29,000 lbs. of purchased various foods and water was #10 cans of baked beans and various vegetables for Forged by Fire to serve. Majority of the food will be distributed to many people in need. 108 Disaster Relief Buckets were included to help with clean up. Thank you to all OGT supporters & donors that have contributed to make this and future shipments possible. We are accepting monetary donations to help with purchasing needed food/items and transportation costs. Donate at www.ogt.org and earmark for Hurricane Helene or there is a link to Thrivent to have your donation matched \$1 for every \$2 donated. Thank you for your support.

Questions about Trinity School?

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AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors]** AMOS meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. We spend time in Bible Study, prayer, playing a spirited game of dominoes and lunch. We monthly recognize birthdays of seniors in the Trinity community. If you have never tried **AMOS**, now is a good time. A new study, authored by Rev Richard Bimler called "Joyfully Aging" is being started. Ed Rupprecht will be the leader. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

NEWS from the LWML

A BIG Thank You for the support of the Noisy Mites. We collected over \$900. LWML thanks you for your continued support of the missions.

- Oct. 19: LWML Meeting in Founders Hall
All Ladies invited 1-3 pm. We will be making a craft for the Thanksgiving Bags. Please bring a hot glue gun if you have one and some scissors. If you have any plastic grocery bags or clothes for Orphan Grain Train you can bring them to the meeting.
- Oct. 26: LWML Fall Celebration in Wickenburg 8am-2pm
- Oct. 26: 50th Anniversary Dinner

'Let's Go' announces it's next International Dinner!

Wilkommen! Welcome to the Oktoberfest celebration at *Haus Murphy* in Glendale on October 24. We will gather at our usual 6:30 for some 'gemuetlichkeit' und 'speissen'. (Relaxed atmosphere and good food) Haus Murphy is located at 5739 W Glendale Ave; Glendale 85301. Please make your reservations by October 23! Call or text Wilma Rupprecht : 630 888 4233.

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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