

A Lutheran Primer

50 YEARS
TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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. 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 :).



Who: all children ages 3-8th grade
Performance date: 6:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 22
Practice days and times: TBD

Dear Parents! This is such a great tradition! I would love to help your children deliver the Christmas Good News of Jesus! First things first! I need to know how many kids we have who are able to participate. Please catch me after the service or send me an email at JSienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org. Once I have the number of children performing, we can finalize a practice schedule.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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>

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

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!

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

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

Lord of all History, we thank you for the Reformation of the Christian Church. We thank you for bringing the Gospel of your Son to the forefront of the Church. We thank you for the men and women who boldly stood firm in their faith in the 16th century. We thank you that our congregation continues to lift high the cross of Jesus. Deepen our conviction of the doctrine and theology of the Holy Scriptures, so that we may remain faithful to You throughout our lives. Help us to rightly understand the Scriptures, Grace, Faith, and your Son so that we may glorify you ALONE in all things. We pray this in Jesus' Name, amen!

TRINITY QUILTERS NEXT MEETING

Trinity Quilters will be meeting on Saturday, Nov 2nd from 10am - 2pm. Come help us for all or part of the meeting time. At the meeting, we will be putting fabric together, cutting fabric, sewing quilts, birthing quilts and tying quilts. All quilts are for charity. You do not need to bring anything except your lunch. Call Marie at 623-935-4770 or 623-696-6500 or Shirley at 602-316-9710 for questions and to get the address, as we longer meet at the church.

Helping Pastors in Africa

Lutheran Pastors in South Sudan are to receive a stipend of about \$100 a quarter . . . but that's very inconsistent. From time to time we help out ELCSSS pastors who are in crisis and time of need. One such pastor is named Kuch. When he was young, his parents were killed in front of him in tribal warfare. He and his sister fled to a refugee camp. He would later be accepted into the seminary in Yambio and become an ELCSSS pastor. He now serves as a Lutheran Pastor in a refugee camp in Kenya. Recently, a gang of hoodlums stole his possessions, and ransacked his house/Church. We were able to send him some money to make repairs and get back him on his feet. 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.

"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*

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

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.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A HOLY LIFE?

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!

Mission Moment

**We come to God with empty hands.
We have nothing to give as sinners.
Jesus fills us up with forgiveness,
love, mercy, peace, and joy!**



*"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."
by Billy Graham*

There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them! **Are you a helper?** Tell them why you help! "Jesus has been so good to me, I want to share this with everyone!!" **Are you a good listener?** Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives. **Do you like to tell stories?** Tell others how Jesus has freed you and filled you! **Invite friends** to come to be filled by Jesus!
Invite a neighbor or co-worker to church.

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.

We Need You To Give!

Our congregation is dependent on it's people **faithfully giving of their tithes and offerings.** Everything that happens here is dependent on you: **our property, buildings, and upkeep; supplies, resources, and the things that support them; staffing, salaries, and benefits; landscaping, electricity, and plumbing!** The list is endless ... you get the idea!

We depend on your faithful giving of your tithes and offerings!

Pledge Card Sunday will be Sunday, December 1st. Our custom here at Trinity is to ask you to fill out a pledge card, (after prayer, thought, and planning), and 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.

Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to newsletter@trinitylcs.org The deadline for article submission is Tuesday at noon.

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."

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*



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LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

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. There is a fine line between expressing no direction for use of gifts to ministry, and being too controlling, hampering the ministry from using the gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can engage in conversation about this topic.

Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfn.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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Meet Some of Our Staff

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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

2025 Calendar sales have started. You can purchase them after each church service.



One of the LWML members will be outside the Church and Fellowship Hall. If you're interested in purchasing one, they are \$10.00. They make great Gifts.

- Oct. 26: LWML Fall Celebration in Wickenburg 8am-2pm
- Oct. 26: 50th Anniversary Dinner

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

Willkommen! 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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