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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 :).



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!



Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

The Women's Monday Night Bible Study meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday nights each month @ 7:00pm in Founders Hall.

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

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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

Lord Jesus, we thank you for redeeming us and restoring our relationship with God the Father. We thank you for the gifts of family and Church, and ask that you would help us to be good and godly influences in all of our relationships. Help us to live in peace with all the people in our lives. Chiefly, Holy Trinity, we praise You for dwelling within us, and ask that You strengthen our faith and life as we live as Your People. Amen!

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**

Men of Faith

Our men's group is studying the official teachings of the Lutheran Church in the "Book of Concord." It is a casual time of study and friendship! You are welcome to join us; we meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the Adult classroom just off the narthex of the sanctuary.



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 with lots of reminiscing, reflecting, and rejoicing!

Registration & payment link can be found on our website TrinityLCS.org/tlc-50th-anniversary-celebration-dinner/

Please note that registration cutoff is THIS WEEK on Oct. 10 so we can get an accurate count to our caterer. Contact Andi (623.547.9487) if you have questions or need help with registration.

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>

Beggars pointing to Jesus, the Bread of Life!

Martin Luther said:
"We are all mere beggars showing other beggars where to find bread."

Tell another beggar how Jesus feeds your heart! Or bring them to church that they may know Jesus, the feeder of souls!



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, November 3, 2024. 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 for example). 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.

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**.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

TAKE THE SERMON WITH YOU

Don't let the sermon be a 12 minute event that Satan quickly snatches away from you 20 minutes later. Take it with you: ponder it, meditate on it, talk about it with your spouse; discuss it with your children, listen to the online and email video, or re-read and study the hardcopy. Take the sermon with you, and think it through. Don't let it fall on the "hard path" where Satan easily steals it away from you a few minutes later.

Tithes and Offerings

One of the blessings we have here at Trinity is the faithfulness of its people to give their tithes and offerings. We rarely have to speak about money, because of your faithfulness.

THANK YOU! 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.



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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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!



TRINITY QUILTERS ARE BACK!

Trinity Quilters will have their first meeting on Saturday, Oct 5th from 10am - 2pm. We make quilts for local charity. Come help us for all or part of the meeting time. Or just take things home to complete by the next meeting.

Don't know how to make quilts but want to learn - we will teach you. Please bring 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.

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]** *SENIOR: Definition: a person older than another.* Trinity's ministry to 'people who are older than another' is called **AMOS**. **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. 9 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

NEWS from the LWML

- Oct. 6 is LWML Noisy Mites Sunday
- Oct. 19: LWML Meeting in Founders Hall
All Ladies invited 1-3 pm. We will be making a craft for the Thanksgiving Bags.
- Oct. 26: LWML Fall Celebration in Wickenburg 8am-2pm
- Oct. 26: 50th Anniversary Dinner

We are still in need of clothes for Orphan Grain Train. If you're interested in going to Orphan Grain Train we go the 2nd and 4th Saturday. If interested contact Gayle: 562-980-6726 and/or Martha: 630-740-7206

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

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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