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Trinity Social

Want to get to know your fellow worshippers a little better? (Yes, you do!) Looking for a fun activity to do now and then? (Yes, you are!) Do we have something for you? (Yes, we do!) If you regularly attend the 9 and/or 10:15 service, **save Saturday, December 14 from 6:30pm - 8pm for the first round of "Trinity Trivia"!** The night will begin with a social time of appetizers and drinks, and then proceed to the Trivia showdown! This is a great opportunity to get to know other people who worship with you as you show off your useless knowledge in various categories 😊 This will double as date night because the youth (with some highly responsible adults) are planning a fun night of activities for your kids! They will gladly accept freewill donations for the National Youth Gathering. (As always, please be sure to reserve child care) Usually attend a different service but think this is right up your alley? We'll do it again in January and February with a final championship round in March. BUT...you are always welcome to come to all of them, including this first one! RSVP with Andi (in person, 623.935.4665 ext 213 or AMcDonald@TrinityLCS.org)

ALL SERVICES IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER!
On Sunday, December 1st, all morning services will be held in the Family Life Center so that sanctuary Advent decorating can begin.
Note that you are invited to help with Advent decorating at 8:30am! Come and join us make our worship area beautiful for the holiday season!

Trinity's Deaf Ministry

Led by Jeremy & Lindsey Wright, Trinity's Deaf Ministry serves the community through multiple endeavors. Jeremy provides volunteer sign language interpretation for the 9AM service and Oasis Bible study, serving Trinity's deaf members. Through them, Trinity's weekly deaf ministry video content has nearly 18,000 views since 2020.

While previously offering general sign language classes, they now focus on teaching those who wish to interpret to families in need, specifically those directly and indirectly affected by hearing loss. Even Rebecca and Athena have joined to co-teach the class. Finally, most impactfully, Lindsey conducts home visits to deaf families, shining God's light into homes where there may be no communication at all.



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.

Desks for Lutheran Schools

Bishop Peter Anibati recently wrote to tell us that some of our mission support was used to make desks for students in a Lutheran school. They made 45 desks out of heavy Teak wood, which is grown in the Yambio area. Education of the children is one of the top priorities of the parents in South Sudan, and Lutheran schools are one of the main ways that this happens. In those schools, like our Lutheran School here at Trinity, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is taught each day as part of the curriculum. Thank you for your faithful giving, a part of which enables us to help Christians on the other side of the world!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING
Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

NEWS from the LWML

Our next meeting will be November 16 at 1pm in Founders Hall. Our guest speaker will be The Dodson Family will share information about their Mission trip. The Mite Box Focus this month will be Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the United States.

Mark your calendar for **Mite Box Sunday** which will be November 17

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Much of financial planning is focused on wealth creation and preservation. Often, the estate planning process can become an extension of that same focus. Working with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can enable you to keep your focus on managing God's gifts for God's purposes, for both family and ministry. For assistance with this focus, contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnf.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Friday, Nov. 29th at 6PM
We will be decorating the FLC for the Christmas season. We need enough volunteers to set up 12-14 trees, pipe and drape, banners on the drape, and place bows on the chairs.

Sunday, Dec. 1st at 8:30AM
We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and will need volunteers to help with decorating trees, fluffing and hang garland, and wreaths!

This weekend will be busy, and it takes a lot of time, so all help is appreciated!!

Steve & Andi McDonald
December 2011

There are many ways to support Trinity Lutheran Church. Take a look!

Electronic Giving: Visit Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab at the top of the page; scroll down to- How to Give At Trinity; click on- \$ Give Online. There are step by step instructions to help you set up your account.

Bill Pay: This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a free service through your bank and it alleviates the hassle of writing checks or buying stamps.

Traditional Offering Envelopes: You may participate in our traditional offering that is collected weekly at each service. Offering envelopes are available through the church office as a confidential, secure way to give that allows us to keep a record of your giving for personal and tax purposes. If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam to request.

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately and as quickly as possible. If you need any assistance please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

Love Little Ones in Little Doses?

We are looking for occasional, part-time child care help! Help is needed for occasional Sunday morning backup, alternating Wednesday evenings during Oasis, and special events as they arise.

Requirements include 18yrs old+, fingerprint clearance card, and CPR certification (I'll help you with the last two items). Interested? Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213/amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors]** We spend time in Bible Study, prayer, playing a spirited game of dominoes and lunch. If you have never tried **AMOS**, now is a good time. Current study: "Joyfully Aging" by Rev Richard Bimler with Ed Rupprecht as the leader. We promise Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Bring a sack lunch! *P.S. Bring a joke.*

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!

- 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.

Java with Jan - Nov. 23rd, 9:00 am

This holiday season can be rough when one of your loved ones or a friend will be missing. Please join us for an informational workshop that will help you (or a friend) plan ahead so grief doesn't overtake you unexpectedly. You are encouraged to come, even if this isn't the year of your loss. Perhaps you have struggled for a few years with the holidays and not feeling very "festive". Thanksgiving is when the Holidays seem to be upon us so we have planned our time together for the **Saturday morning before Thanksgiving, Saturday November 23 at 9am**

Please call me if you have questions or to RSVP with me at jreynolds@trinitylcs.org or 623.523.1158 (leave a message)

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, 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.

Somebody Got the Wiggles?

While we love little ones in worship with us, sometimes they just need a change of scenery. Did you know that child care for children 3 and under is available at all morning services? Child care is also available for other events as well (Oasis, BASICS, etc), just give us a heads up, and we'll schedule it! Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213 or amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)

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.

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



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Well, here we are at the beginning of the next 50 years! While we don't know everything the future holds, we know we can count on God's faithfulness for all time. Most of us probably won't be here for the next 50 Year Anniversary celebration, but for those of us who have been able to look back and celebrate the past 50 years, we are again reminded of the goodness of God's grace throughout Trinity's history. Our dinner celebration was a fun way to bring together elements of Trinity's history through worship, fellowship, memories, and thankfulness. A very special thank you to all who helped us celebrate, especially to the 50th Anniversary Committee for their planning throughout the year; to Martha Mueller for your attention to detail; to our decorating crew: Catherine Hendricks-Stefan, Martha Mueller, Gayle Roberts, Sandi Simon, Carol Thompson, and Cheryl Wagner; to Amy Thursam and Tina Steill for putting the gift baskets together so nicely; to Steve McDonald for making the beautiful charcuterie board; to Roxanne Bolte and the maintenance staff – Randy Mueller, Sterling Ford, Eric Snell, and Martin Ramos – for transforming the patio into such a beautiful space; to Jan Reynolds for running numerous errands; to Catherine Hendricks-Stefan for making the beautiful banner and paraments; to Juliann Dolge for leading us in song and putting music to our favorite table prayer; to Felix and Leann Quinones for "selfishly" traveling to wine country to provide the evening's fine wine; and Pastor Bolte for gathering facts and stats and keeping the focus "All About Jesus." You are all current examples of what has made Trinity so special throughout the years!



Prayer of the Week

Lord God, you are our refuge and strength, and ever present help in times of trouble. We thank you for leading our country through this election cycle, and we ask that you bless and guide our new president and elected officials to serve you honorably and justly. Teach us not to put our trust in them, but to put our trust and our hope in you alone. Grant us to live our lives knowing and believing that you are our refuge and strength, and ever present help in all times of trouble. We pray this in Jesus our Savior's name, Amen.

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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