

The Last Day

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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 are planning a fun night of activities for your kids! They will gladly accept freewill donations for the 2025 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 Jan. and Feb. 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) or online <https://www.trinitylcs.org/trinity-trivia-night/>

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.

Campus Security in Africa

One of the issues that the ELCSSS has had to deal with in Yambio is that of squatters. Because of the lack of Law and Order, and the great many refugees, this becomes a major issue. (The enforcement of "law and order" often falls along tribal lines, not what's "right and wrong".) If people can erect a structure quickly, then they consider the land theirs. This is a problem in Yambio, and it has happened several times on properties of the ELCSSS. Recently, this happened at the seminary campus. The Bishop asked us to help with the building of a wall and gate to secure their campus. Thank you for your faithful giving, a part of which enables us to help Christians on the other side of the world!



Bible Study: 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!

Newsletter Articles

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

NEWS from the LWML

TODAY IS **Mite Box Sunday**

LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Many have charitable intent, but often this intent is nothing more than a wish, not being clearly articulated in the estate plan. Executors and trustees usually do not have latitude to create charitable gifts from your estate. Giving inheritance to family hoping they will follow through with your intent to allocate assets to ministry probably won't work for the same reason you are not achieving that goal in your life. It needs to be spelled out. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in clarifying your desires, making sure they are represented in the legal documents you create.

For assistance with this focus, 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages



JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

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!!



Marielina Mitchell, Melissa Woodward and Bruce Rogers December 2011

Let's Go

As we enter the Holiday Season and we are celebrating two major holidays and 'dining' events within a month, with lots of family time, we will again, this year, have a single Let's Go International Dinner for the months of November and December. Our 'Thanksmas' event will be on Thursday, December 5. The Let's Go dinner will be at The Cheesecake Factory at 16134 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria. We will meet at our usual time, 6:30 PM.

Start with desert and end with desert, and have a little food in between. You can't go wrong at The Cheesecake Factory!

Please make reservations by December 4. Call or text Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233

We thank our gracious and awesome God for the continued blessings which are showered on us in amazing abundance!

Java with Jan - THIS Saturday

at 9:00 am in the Administration Building

Planning for the Holidays when you are grieving is the topic for the morning. 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". Our time together is planned for this coming Saturday morning Nov. 23 At 9am.

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

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.

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, (afterprayer, 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

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

Who: all children ages 3-8th grade
Performance date: 6:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 22
Practice: Sundays, 1:00 pm
beginning TODAY, November 17.

Dear Parents! This is such a great tradition! I would love to help your children deliver the Christmas Good News of Jesus!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

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.**

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, Judge of the Living and the Dead, we thank you for the faith that prepares us for the Last Day, and the confidence of standing before you righteous, holy and forgiven on Judgement Day. We believe, teach and confess that you are the Savior of the World and the only Hope of eternal salvation. Help us to live faithful lives as we see the ever-increasing evil of the world and the plethora of signs of the end. Grant us courage to be lights that shine, offering hope to this condemned world. 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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