

# Always Joyful!

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TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL  
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## 1974-2024 50 Years of Faithfulness!

As we celebrate our 50 year anniversary, we are reminded of the faithfulness of God's people in their giving over these past 50 years. From seven families in a living room, to now 5 Sunday worship services and an additional one online, our congregation has depended on the faithfulness of its members to give their tithes and offerings. These past 50 years have seen many ups and downs in the national economy; but one thing was constant: God's people were faithful and kept giving. The people of Trinity made a commitment to support this congregation, and the gospel continued to be proclaimed for these past 50 years!

And now it's our turn – and our time -- to be faithful in giving of our tithes and offerings.

Pledge Card Sunday will be Sunday, Dec. 1. 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.

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

*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

**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!

**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!

## Sunday, December 15th – 7:15 pm

YOU ARE INVITED to remember your loved ones who are now with Jesus. This Christmas worship service will be in a quiet setting with a special time included for individual remembrance. Join us and be encouraged with scripture and song and take a special gift home. Please RSVP with Jan. jreynolds@trinitylcs.org 623.523.1158

## Somebody Got the Wiggles?

While we love little ones in worship with us, sometimes they just need a change of scenery. Child care is available for children 3 and under at all morning services and 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)

# LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Life is busy and often does not allow dedicated time to focus thoughts in a clear way on a variety of topics. As a result, we remain ambiguous, often missing out on opportunities. This can be true about estate planning. Down deep you have had a desire to make a gift to ministry, but have never defined the timing or size of that distribution, nor the goal you hope ministry will achieve with this financial support. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor focuses on your goals, helping you to construct a plan that achieves them, including support of ministry.

For assistance, 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!



## 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!!*



November 2012

## 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, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm at The Cheesecake Factory (16134 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria) Start with desert and end with desert, and have a little food in between. You can't go wrong at The Cheesecake Factory! Please RSVP by Dec. 4 with Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233

**The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up** in the Narthex of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam at athursam@trinitylcs.org Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and assuring proper donation credit. When writing a check use black or navy ink (no colored ink). Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on all envelopes. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*

## 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)

## 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. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

### Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits. They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p10. [slightly adapted]*

## 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](mailto:dbolte@trinitylcs.org).

## The Angel Trees are coming BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC on December 1. There are 2 ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.



- The little envelopes can be used for cash, checks or gift cards. They can be returned to the box set by each Angel Tree. The most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys and Gas cards. Cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00 are the most needed. Cash and checks will be used by Angel Tree to shop for individuals whose gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests. Please make checks out to LWML and put Angel Tree in the memo section.

- The gift tags will have information for an individual you can shop for, their age and their present wish. Please return the gift UNWRAPPED (gift bags are OK) with the tag securely fastened to the gift.

All gifts need to be returned no later than 12/9 & monetary contributions please by 12/15. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop, & return to Ruth in time for Christmas!

*Questions? Contact Deaconess Ruth Fisher*  
*RFisher@TrinityLCS.org*

**Share with the Lord's people who are in need.**  
**Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13**

Angel Tree thanks you for supporting our mission to "Serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas."

## Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to [newsletter@trinitylcs.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitylcs.org). The deadline for article submission is Tuesday at noon.

## 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.

### 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*



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## 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

### **Want to sing with the Praise Team and Handbell Choir on Christmas Eve at both the 7:00 & 8:30pm services?**

Saturday rehearsals begin at 8am on November 30 and continue on Dec 7, 14, and 21. Please plan on attending at least two of these rehearsals. Mandatory rehearsal on Dec 21 at 8am with both the Praise Team and the Handbells.

Let Juliann know you are interested at JDolge@TrinityLCS.org so she can put together music for you.



## 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 - 8:30pm 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! 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/>



## Prayer of the Week

*Holy Spirit, we ask that you work through the Word and promises of Jesus to create a deep and lasting joy in our hearts as we live as your people. Allow our hearts to rejoice in the gifts of salvation and the abundant physical blessings that you so freely shower upon us. Teach us to be thankful, to rejoice in you, and to live with joy each day. We ask this in Jesus Name and for the glory of our Father in Heaven, Amen!*

## Questions about Trinity School?

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## Meet Some of Our Staff

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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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