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God is Faithful

Christmas Memorial Service Sunday, December 17 th 7:15 PM

The Christmas Memorial Service is designed to allow members and friends of Trinity to worship in a quiet Christmas setting of scripture and special music. During the worship service a time is set aside to give families an opportunity to individually remember their loved ones who are not present for Christmas. Even if it has been a few years since your loved one died, you are welcome to join us for this special evening.

Talk to your friends and family members and then plan to set aside *Sunday evening, December 17 at 7:15 p.m.* and join us. If you have family and friends visiting from out of town, please invite them to come along also. Childcare will be available upon request.

An RSVP is not required but much appreciated.
You may contact Jan Reynolds at jreynolds@Trinitylcs.org or 623-523-1158.

Advent Begins TODAY • December 3

Today all of us again our journey to the manger during the season of Advent, but we are not making this *trip* alone. Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive - **24 playlists containing over 600 daily devotional videos recorded throughout the last 7yrs recorded by Laura Nelson and other Trinity Friends** - that offer guided help to find the gospel message in what is going on all around us, even in preparations that can get hectic at times.

Be sure to browse our library now to choose an Advent series and "click play" beginning today, the first day of Advent! Please share these with your families, friends, neighbors, and use them in your classrooms if they fit into your day!

TrinityLCS.org/category/advent-devotion-library/

Brightest Blessings as you center in on what is most important not only at this time of the year, but every day -- our Savior, born to set us free from sin and death, born the King to rule in our hearts, born the Brother to love us, born the Friend who will never leave us.

Church Nursery

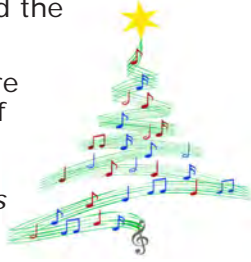
We love your little ones! Children are welcome in worship! If your little one needs to burn off some energy, the Nursery is available at all of our Sunday worship services, except 6pm. (If you would like childcare during our Sunday 6pm worship, please contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473.)

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Praise Choir on Christmas Eve at both the 7:00pm & 8:30pm services with the Praise band and the Handbell Choir.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: you are required to attend at least one of the combined rehearsals of all the groups at 8:00am on Dec 16 & 23. Contact Juliann between services or at the church office to let her know you are interested!



The reason His Church gathers together in worship each week is because the risen Christ comes to teach and feed His People. What He did visibly in the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension He now does invisibly until His second coming.

The Blessings Of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.20

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**

Prayer of the Week

Lord God our Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your faithfulness and that You keep Your promises to us. First and foremost we thank You that You kept Your promise to send a Savior, Your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. We thank You for His work which has earned our eternal salvation. Send us Your Holy Spirit so that we may always trust Your Word and have confidence in all of Your promises, knowing that You are faithful and true. As we hear and learn Your Word and promises, help us to remain faithful to You, to love You with all of our heart, and to love our neighbor as Christ has loved us. We pray this in Jesus our Savior's Name, Amen.

50th Anniversary Committee

The 50th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 3rd @ 11am**. It is not too late to join us in planning the events to celebrate our 50th anniversary! We are brainstorming ideas, sharpening others, and beginning to implement still others. You are welcome and invited to this meeting in the church office boardroom! (If you have any questions, please talk to, call, or email Pastor Bolte.)



FROM THE HASBROUCK'S

"Dear Trinity Members ... Many thanks for all the prayers and best wishes for us since our move to Santa Cruz. Our daughter & Rick (a pastor at Messiah Lutheran) are being wonderful.

You will always be in our prayers.

Love Don & Dorothy"

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY?

[There are many activities to do on Sunday], and each of these activities in themselves may be a blessing, but they become deadly when they choke out the space where the Word publicly works in our lives [see Luke 8:11-15]. To be perfectly blunt: to hold the Word sacred and to gladly hear it and learn it means at minimum that any Sunday you are physically able, you will be found with your brothers and sisters attending to the Word of God. This is not to fulfill some "holy day of obligation" as our medieval ancestors erroneously imagined; rather, it is to safeguard space for the privilege and joy of the Word of God doing its great work in your life. *Thank, Praise, Serve, And Obey, W.C. Weedon, page 14*



Let's Go!

Since Thanksgiving & Christmas are major 'dining' events, we will only have a single 'Thanksmas' event this year. Our next **Let's Go International Dinner** will be on Thursday, December 7. So our November/December Let's Go event will be at **Wong Chinese Cuisine** in Phoenix. **Wong** is rated by many as the best Chinese cuisine in the West Valley and is located at 10540 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix, a couple miles east of the church. We will meet at our usual time, 6:30PM. *Please RSVP by December 6 with Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233* We thank our gracious and awesome God for the continued blessings which are showered on us in amazing abundance!

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

Electronic Giving: Visit our Website at: Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab. 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: 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. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Narthex and in the FLC. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office. 623-935-4665 ext 215 or athursam@trinitylcs.org *Please remember to use black or blue ink to write your checks. Red, pinks and purple inks are undetectable by our check reader.*

Trinity is hard at work to ensure your generous gifts to share the Gospel are processed accurately and as quickly as possible.

2023 Year End Giving

We here at Trinity are so thankful for all of your generous support throughout the year. We recognize that some of you may want to offer additional gifts for the 2023 tax year. If you are considering an end of year gift/tithe you will need to do so before December 26th. This will ensure your gift is captured in 2023. Anything after December 26th will be captured in 2024. *This is due to the holidays and our shared branch banking agreement.*

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

Amos will meet on Wednesday, December 13 in Founders Hall from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

ALL seniors are welcome for great Christian fellowship, Bible Study and games. Bring your own sack lunch. AMOS meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. *We look forward to seeing YOU (senior) at our coming time of fellowship.*

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Book of Acts is being studied with Ed Rupprecht as the leader in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

ADVENT Pre-Service Meals

Advent Soup Suppers in Founders Hall
Sponsored by Ladies of the LWML

Soup suppers:

- Dec . 5th at 5:30
7 PM Advent Service
- Dec. 12th at 5:30
7 PM Advent Service
- Dec. 19 th at 5:30
7 PM Advent Service

Hope to see you all there



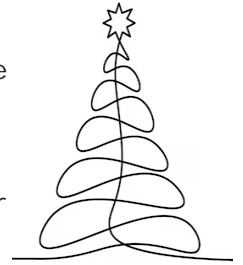
The Angel Trees are coming BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC Thanksgiving weekend. 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. Return them to the box by the Angel Tree. Most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys, and Gas cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00. Cash and checks will be used to shop for individuals who's 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 12/11 & monetary contributions please by 12/17. 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*



THE SMALL CATECHISM

Tucked in the middle of the [Book of Concord] is the most widely used of all the Lutheran Confessions: Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Luther wrote this document not simply as a resource for the church and school, but, first and foremost, for the head of the household. Luther intended this little book to be used by laypeople, daily, to help them remain anchored in the solid teachings of God's holy word, the Bible. So keep this important fact in mind: The book of concord exists because of the faith and conviction of lay people, who risked their very lives in order to have these confessions produced, published, and distributed. The Book of Concord is a book for all Christians, church workers and laypeople alike. *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p.12 [slightly adapted]* **Men, come and join us on Tuesdays@6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord! See Pastor Bolte for more details!**



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Meet the teachers from our school where we strive to prepare students to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education with a firm foundation in God's word. Our teachers are committed and qualified to provide both excellent academics and to share the Gospel. We thank God for each of them. Remember the teachers and the school ministry in your prayers.

Meet Sherry Haddad, Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Haddad has been a Kindergarten teacher at Trinity Lutheran School since 2001. Mrs. Haddad earned her Bachelor of Science teaching certification through the U of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is Arizona State certified to teach Kindergarten-8th grade with an ESL endorsement. Before Trinity, she worked in Chattanooga, TN at Little Debbie Snack Cakes where her employer offered her volunteer part-time work in a third grade inner-city school. This opportunity set her heart on fire for teaching! She enjoyed doing mission work with her family in Liberia, Africa during high school years. Mrs. Haddad is happiest using the gifts the Lord provided her, teaching His Word and sharing the Gospel with His children every day! Mrs. Haddad feels so blessed to be allowed to do this freely!



From Last Week: Christina Grace, Kindergarten



Miss Christina Grace graduated from Concordia University, Irvine with her BA degree. She received her Master's in Education with a focus on Trauma and Resilience from Concordia University, Portland. Miss Grace has been teaching since 2008 and has experience teaching Kindergarten through 4th grade. She has taught in Lutheran schools in California, Nebraska, & Arizona. Miss Grace has a bearded dragon, Bruni, as a class pet who loves children! In her spare time, she likes to hike, play all kinds of sports, read, play handbells, learn new things, and spoil her two cats, Lilo and Stitch. Miss Grace loves being a part of the Trinity family and sharing God's love with everyone!

Trinity Lutheran School • We're Hiring!

TLS has an opening for a part-time middle school teacher (20 hours/week). Applicants must have a valid teaching certification and fingerprint clearance card. **Please email your resume to ARohloff@trinitylcs.org**

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.



Meet 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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