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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS
IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

The Angel Trees are BACK!

If your heart is called to help those in our community who are in need at Christmas, there are 2 ways you can help:

- The angel tags have a special request from a person whom you can do shopping for. Please return these UNWRAPPED gifts with the tag securely taped to it and place under the Christmas tree. If you wrap the gift, we unwrap so please no wrapping.
- The little envelopes are for gift cards, cash or checks made out to LWML. These gifts can be placed in the box by the Christmas Tree. Popular gift cards requests are: Target, Walmart, Frys, Safeway, Gas cards, Ulta, Harkins Theaters, Visa and Mastercard gift cards. Please write the dollar amount of the gift card on the card and include the receipt. If it's not there, we must undo the card, scratch off the code and call to verify the amount on the card.



Please have **gifts returned NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 12** so Angel tree has time to organize for delivery by Christmas. Gift card and monetary donations can be accepted until the Angel Tree is taken down.

Thank you for helping in the Angel Tree mission to serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.

TODAY • CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Directors is calling for a **Congregational Meeting TODAY December 5, 2021 at 12:45** in the Sanctuary. The agenda will consist of two items: approval of LCEF's proposal to restructure of the mortgage loan & revision of the Church's Constitution and Bylaws, which includes a major addition of an endowment program. Related documents can be found in the **Info Center** at www.TrinityLCS.org Questions prior to the meeting can be directed to the Board of Directors President at BODpresident@TrinityLCS.org

Christmas Memorial Service

The Christmas Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday evening, December 19, beginning at 7:15 pm** in the Sanctuary. This service is designed to offer comfort, hope and a quiet Christmas Worship experience to help those who are grieving during the Christmas season. *An RSVP would be helpful, but is not required.*
Jan Reynolds: JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org



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.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Our Advent Midweek Tuesday services will begin this week at 7pm, and run for 3 weeks. Prior to the service, the LWML will be hosting an Advent dinner beginning at 5:30pm. (This is a free-will offering dinner for them.) *Note, the Men of Faith group is on break until December 28th.*

Christmas at Trinity Invitations

Pick up an invitation to pass out or mail today! This card lists all our Christmas Services times



Here is an easy way to invite friends to church! Pick up a few each Sunday to pass out and mail. This hand held card doubles as a postcard. Put a letter stamp on it and mail adding, "I would love to have you come with us!" Hand this card to a friend at coffee and say, "Come with me this year so you can see why Jesus is so important to me." Make sure your friends know about God's love for them! Be creative and let Ruth know how you shared these cards!

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Campus Wide Bible Study is BACK! Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm 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 Ms. Laura.

CONFIRMATION

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm

5th grade - Andi McDonald, Founder's Hall

6th grade - Jim & Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 301

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month in Founder's Hall at 7pm. Our fall study is highlighting Phil. 4:8-9. For more info call Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

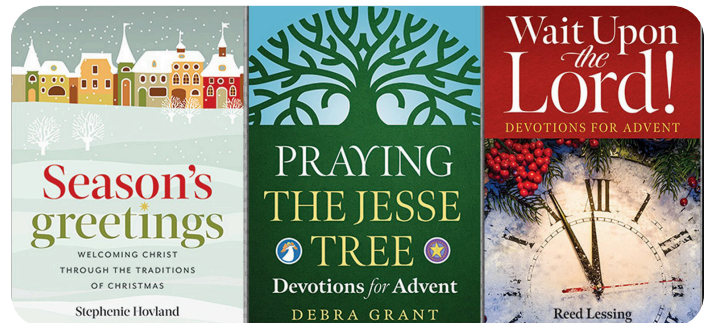
AMOS typically meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting is our **Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, December 8** in Founder's Hall from **10am-1pm**. BRING A DISH TO PASS. WE WILL HAVE A BIRTHDAY CAKE • Join us in Christian fellowship to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We will NOT meet Dec. 22 - Our next meeting will be 1-12-22

It's An Advent Tradition

Daily Video Devotions are BACK!

- **Children & Families:** Season's Greetings Welcome Christ Through the Traditions of Christmas!
--> www.bit.ly/3mJg8Ya
- **Tweens & Teens:** Praying the Jesse Tree Follow the Savior's ancestry through scripture.
--> www.bit.ly/2ZRT3cQ
- **Everyone:** Wait Upon the Lord Jesus is worth the wait, and that we are not alone in these waiting days. The Lord is with us, even now.
--> www.bit.ly/3D070t7



This is a YUM(FUND)-RAISER!

THANK YOU for supporting the Mission and Ministry of our Youth here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School!

Our goal with this YUM-raiser is to raise money equal to the cost of one youth attending the National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2022, \$1,395.

- 1 Eat M&Ms
- 2 Fill with Quarters
- 3 Return to Trinity Youth
or Ms. Laura/Trinity Staffer by Dec. 12

Each time you put a quarter in the tube, or eat some M&M's, say a prayer for our youth and chaperones attending NYG next summer.

If you choose not to return your container that is Okay!!! Enjoy your mini M&Ms -- YUM!



Special Note for our 6pm service friends: NYG Participant Lilliana Wright is eager to meet you at the M&M table!

JUST IN CASE . . .

Looking ahead, if Covid rears up again and closes everything down, we will be communicating through email to keep you up to speed about the congregation. If you are not getting our weekly email each week now from "Trinity Lutheran Church", then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor and He will get you on the list!**

HELPING HANDS

We are looking for compassionate volunteers who love to cook and want to help those in times of crisis or illness! We have an immediate need for meals. We are also looking for someone who likes to organize and serve as leader of this merry band of servants of the Lord! Whether you want to lead or cook or both, contact Ruth Fisher at RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

Thank you to Kathy Brown for being such a faithful leader of our Helping Hands volunteers! Many families have had a delicious meal at times of illness or injury. We thank God for Kathy and her faithful volunteers.

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Please send your email to Pastor & He will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

Newsletter Articles

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

Friday Parenting Group

Join us Friday mornings 8:30am – 10:30am as we share the ups & downs and funny moments of raising children! We explore the parenting tool of coming to our children's level, both physically and developmentally. We are reading *The Vine Speaks* by Cindy Steinbeck. Come and be a part of the conversations and laughter! Sign up with Ruth Fisher at RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

Prayer Chain

Our Trinity family joins together in prayer throughout the week on our PRAYER CHAIN. Feel free to send your prayer requests or praise or thanksgiving to Suzanne Suarez at Prayer@TrinityLCS.org.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL



JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

Lesson 11: SIGNS OF THE TRUE GOD
Moses and the Plagues
Text: Exodus 7

Learner Goal: I know God has power to help me.

Law/Gospel: On my own, I see no need for God in my life or in the world. Christ suffered and died on the cross to free me from the bondage of sin.

Upcoming LWML events!

Dec 12 - Mission Mite Sunday

This month donations support Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach

Dec 18 LWML Christmas Celebration

Come to Founders Hall at 12:30 pm for a Christmas celebration then caroling at The Groves at 2 pm. Please join us - Men and women!

2022 Calendars available!

LWML will be selling calendars between all services. They make great gifts.

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.**

Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for the next quarter are available in the entryway of both Worship Centers.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SYMBOLS OF SALVATION

Symbols of Salvation

An Interactive Youth Christmas Program in "the Round"

Ordinarily, when we think of Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Christ, we have in mind specific verses. These direct prophecies point clearly to the coming of Jesus as the Savior Messiah. But in addition to these wonderful verses, Jesus teaches us that, in fact, the entire Old Testament prophesies about Him. All of the Bible is about Jesus. From the very beginning of creation, the ways God interacts with His people give us living symbols that foreshadow and foretell Jesus' advent among us in the flesh.

On **December 11th at 6:30pm**, our Trinity Children & Youth will tell about Jesus' birth using common Christmas symbols like evergreen trees -- one completely dark with red glass balls (hmmm, what's that about?), paper mangers, and an angel, of course, with joyful hearts, songs, and readings.

Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son for our salvation. Give us eyes to see the symbols of Christmas that point us to the Savior. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth to all those around us. In His name, we pray. Amen.



3-minute Mingle

For the next 3 minutes seek out a visitor or a person you don't know well and talk with them, then you can go and talk with your friends.



*This seems like the kinda idea Ms. Laura would come up with, doesn't it? *smile**

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, our Pioneer of our Salvation, we thank you for tasting death for us, and setting us free from the devil and the fear of death. Help us to live confident lives of faith, full of good works, and always concerned about the salvation of our neighbor. Help us to speak about the Good News of life and salvation that you have earned for all people! 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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