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## Men of Faith

Our men's group is studying the official teachings of the Lutheran Church in the "Book of Concord." It is a casual time of study and friendship! You are welcome to join us; we meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** in the Adult classroom just off the narthex of the sanctuary.

## NEWS from the LWML

Feb. 11: Mite Box Sunday  
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 17: Setup for "Adopt a Missionary Brunch" 1-3pm  
Feb. 18: Adopt a Missionary Brunch in Founders Hall  
Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, and 19: Lenten Suppers  
5:30pm Founders Hall



**"Adopt a Missionary Brunch Sponsored by LWML"**  
For All Members and Guest of Trinity Lutheran Church  
When: Founders Hall February 18, starting at 8:30am  
We are adopting Amy Formella (LBT) and the South Sudan Projects. All funds raised will be divided between these missionaries.

## Calling God's people to prayer!

Prayers for our leaders of the church,  
of our cities, states and nation.

We shake our heads at all the problems and evil in the world. Turn your worry or disgust or sorrow into a prayer every time when you watch the news or see another act of violence on your newsfeed. Let's live Hebrews 4:16 **"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."**

## OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church.

### CONFIRMATION

**Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm** • 8th grade

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm**

4th/5th grade, 6th grade, and 7th grade

## SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

There will be  
**NO 6:00pm service**  
**TODAY, February 11th.**



## 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.

## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

### LISTEN FOR THE GOSPEL

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!

## Lent/Easter Services @ Trinity Lutheran Church!

### Ash Wednesday

February 14  
12 noon / 6:00pm / 7:30pm

### Lent Tuesday Services

February 20 at 7:00pm  
February 27 at 7:00pm  
March 5 at 7:00pm  
March 12 at 7:00pm  
March 19 at 7:00pm  
Lenten Dinners begin 5:30pm

### Palm Sunday

March 24  
Regular Sunday Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

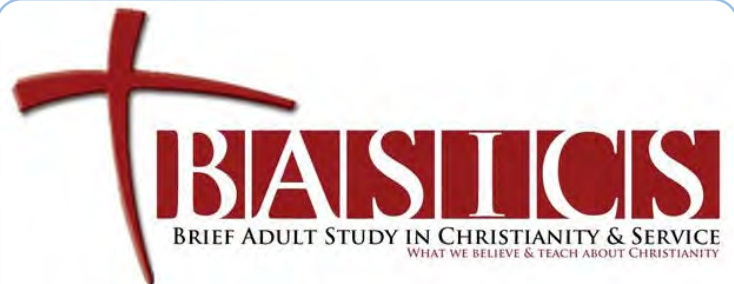
March 28  
12 noon / 6:00 / 7:30

### Good Friday

March 29  
12 noon / 6:00 / 7:30

## EASTER SUNDAY

March 31  
6:00am Sunrise outdoor  
7:30am Traditional Easter  
9:00am Praise Band/Handbells  
10:15am Praise Band/Handbells  
11:30am Easter Service  
6:00pm Sunset outdoor



### New Member Class: BASICS

Our next New Member Class will be running from Feb 18 – March 24 ! This 6-week class meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:30–5:30pm in the Adult Classroom. This class is the route to membership here at Trinity. It is a concise review of the key doctrines of the Christian faith, and a good chance to meet new people! Please RSVP Pastor (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) if you plan to attend so he can make sure to have enough resources on hand!

### Rev. Daryl Robarge

Pastor Robarge died last fall at his daughter's home on the east coast. The family is having a memorial service for him at Apostle's Lutheran Church (7020 W Cactus Rd, Peoria, AZ) on **Friday, February 16th at 5:00pm.** Prior to retiring and coming to Trinity, Pastor Robarge was Apostle's long time pastor. Pastor Bolte is officiating the service, and you are welcome to attend.



### Debbie Blau

Debbie Blau died unexpectedly this past December. A memorial service will be held here at Trinity on **Saturday, February 17th at 10:00am.** Debbie was on our school faculty since 2017, and very active in the congregation. A reception will be hosted by the school faculty following the service.





This picture was taken during one of the most important series of meetings that we've ever had as a congregation. In 1998, Trinity went through a series of Congregational Strategic Planning workshops and meetings with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Along with a determined effort and commitment to outreach and growth; we started on the path of an aggressive and much needed building program we simply called "Phase I." As the Lord led, we built the first classroom building (the "300" building), the Church offices, and added worship seating to the Sanctuary. In tandem with this, we pursued talks with SunCor about purchasing additional land for future growth in mission and ministry, made a commitment to Lutheran Education from Preschool to the 8th grade, and conducted our first Capital Funding Drive. It was during this time also that we added two additional worship services, continued to add grades to the school, entered the vicarage program, grew in worship, and brought on new staff.

### Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

Rev. Les Self is leading a study of The Book of Acts in Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered.

### 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

### 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

### AMOS

Calling all seniors! You are invited to a time of great Christian fellowship and fun. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We start at 10AM. Activities include devotions, games, and recognition of February birthdays. *Bring your own lunch.*

### Prayer of the Week

*Jesus, we confess you as our God and our Lord, the I AM of the Old Testament. We thank You for showing us Your divine glory in the Transfiguration. We thank You for faith to know and believe Who You are, that You are God and Man in one Person. We praise You for the faith to know and believe in the freedom You have given to us through Your own death and resurrection. Help us to trust in You and Your work for us, and to live in freedom of the gospel throughout our lives. As You are the Light of the World, work in us so that we may let our light shine into the lives of other people. Amen!*

Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you -- the Holy Scripture -- and no other book on earth. *Martin Luther (WA 48:155)*

### 2024 Offering Envelope

The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Administration Office. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church.*



# Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED



At Trinity Lutheran School our children learn to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education and a firm foundation in God's word. The Gospel is shared daily as the staff works to prepare children for this life and for the next. The teachers are

key to carrying out this mission. We have been meeting the teachers, beginning with pre-school, throughout the past month. Today we introduce the fourth grade teachers.

## Meet Mrs. Woodward, Fourth Grade teacher

Mrs. Woodward has been teaching at Trinity Lutheran since 2007. She has taught fifth grade, second/third combination, second grade, and is currently teaching fourth grade. Mrs. Woodward has also taught first and second grade music. She has been a volleyball, basketball, and running club coach. She is a leader in utilizing technology and new thinking in the classroom, and strives to continue her professional development as an AZ certified educator. Mrs. Woodward attended a Lutheran Elementary and High School near Waconia, Minnesota. She attended Concordia University in St Paul, where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Language Arts and Theology. Mrs. Woodward and her husband, Tyler, moved to Arizona where God called her to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. She has two sons, Alexander and Jeremiah. They live in Goodyear with their dog, Samson.



## Meet Mrs. Sielaff, Fourth Grade teacher

Mrs. Ann Sielaff has been teaching in Lutheran schools for 18 years. One of those was actually at Trinity, about 7 years ago. Mrs. Sielaff is so excited to be returning to serve here once again! Her teaching experience ranges from grades 1-8, with the majority of time spent in grades 3-4.

In her 25 years of marriage, she and her husband lived in Michigan and Illinois before moving to Phoenix 15 years ago. They have 4 children aged 22, 21, 19, and 16. In her free time Mrs. Sielaff loves to read, decorate (houses and cakes) and watch movies. Trinity is a place like no other, and she feels blessed to have the opportunity to be working alongside the Trinity staff once again.



## Women's Bible Study

Our Monday night Bible Study will now be "The Stripes That Heal" by Donna Snow. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be Feb. 5th, led by Karen Frusti.

## COLLECTING OLD TRINITY PHOTOS!

The 50th Anniversary Team created a shared Google photo album as a "dump" for TLC photos that might be of interest in a photo album. Feel free to add photos you might have of Trinity people, events, correspondence, etc, and please share the link with anyone else who might be interested in contributing! If you need to scan pictures, we can do it! Please let the church office know.



Here is the link for your photos:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iaRYkSEF7HYPwk7Y8>

## Meet Our Staff

### Rev. Dave Bolte

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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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