

FEBRUARY 12, 2023
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Hear the Word!



Bible Classes

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are two of many...

- **NEW OASIS CLASS STARTING!**

Pastor Bolte's class has finished Galatians; and now will be moving to a study called "Understanding Denominations". This is a great time to start getting into a Bible study! Come and join us on 6:30pm every Wednesday night in the Sanctuary. If you are new to Oasis, and plan to come, please let Pastor know so he prints enough resources for you!

- **1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE:** This class is held on Tuesdays @11am in the Sanctuary. *Free up your schedule for an hour on Tuesday mornings, and make this part of your weekly routine! Join us as we study God's Holy Word!*

The Importance Of The Book Of Concord

The Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) never takes the place of the Bible. Rather, they distinguish between What the Bible teaches and the false teachings of others, which undermine the use of God's word. They give Christians a common voice to confess their faith to the world. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, 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!*

Altar Guild Members Needed

There is an **immediate need** for members to serve on the Altar Guild. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday, either in the Sanctuary or in the Family Life Center. The committee works in teams of two people, serving one month each quarter of the year.

Couples: join and serve together.

Parents: sign up with your teen(s) and encourage them to serve also.

Please contact Cathryn Hendricks-Stefan at 480-282-3597 OR speak with/write to Jan Reynolds at JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org *Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you can serve the Lord.*

TODAY: SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 6PM

There will be NO 6pm service TODAY February 12th. Last year, we had 9 people, 7 of those were associated with helping in the service somehow! Therefore, we will not have a 6pm service tonight.

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.



Back to South Sudan

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to Concordia Lutheran Institute of the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) in Yambio, South Sudan this coming summer! CLIHM is the name of the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan and South Sudan.

Seminary is a 4 year program; this is their second year, and there are 19 in the class. This will be Pastor's ninth trip to South Sudan, and this year, he has been asked to teach The Gospel of John and to review the Doctrines of the Church. *Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement – it is greatly appreciated.*

More information to come we get closer to the trip!

Let's Go!

Italy is the next stop for the **Let's Go, International Dinner** event. Our journey takes us to a quaint, family owned and cozy restaurant in Old Avondale. **'The Pasta Factory'** has excellent reviews and a wonderful atmosphere for a great evening with your Trinity friends. So, set aside, Thursday, February 23, 6:30 PM for an evening of fellowship and good eating. **The Pasta Factory**, 701 E Western Avenue, Avondale AZ 85323. 6:30 PM prompt. The location is off Dysart Rd, just before 85 in Avondale.

Please make your reservation with Wilma Rupprecht by February 22. Phone: 630 888 4233.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

BE PREPARED AND EAGER TO LEARN

Arrive at church with a teachable spirit ready and eager to learn about God, His Word, and your Christian faith and life. A sermon is both proclamation of the Gospel and education in the Christian faith. There is always something you can learn and grow from in a sermon. Discipline yourself to listen.

Arrive at church eager to learn.

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

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. God's deep truths are not revealed to the casual, careless reader but to the careful, constant one. Regardless of how hectic our life is or how fast each day flies by, we need to find regular opportunity for serious Bible study."

Hebrews, R.E. Lauersdorf, PBC, p.54

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke will be studied with Rev. Les Self as the leader. In the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

Sundays at 10:15am, ADULT CROSS TRAINING meets in the **Board Room** in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** leading. Adults study the same stories as the children to encourage family faith sharing! (Questions? Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)



- Feb. 17: SR Youth Midnighter (starts at 6pm)
- Feb. 24: CLIMB all the WALLS @ Ape Index

SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and individuals about baptism! What a miracle God has prepared for us! I would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism!

Call me:

Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473
or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



The AV team is looking

for people to help run the slides during our services on Sunday. We will train you! *Contact Juliann at the church office or between services on Sunday.*

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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us! We are studying the book of Psalms on the first and third **Mondays at 7 pm in Founders Hall.** All women are welcome and invited to join!

For more information call
Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or
Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on February 22 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

Look for our Youth between AM services starting next week!

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 to Champ Camp this summer, \$950

- 1 Eat M&Ms
- 2 Fill with Quarters
- 3 Return to Trinity Youth
or Ms. Laura/Trinity Staffer by March 5



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

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

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

B.A.S.I.C.S. Class Enrollment Continues

The Spring class begins in two weeks on Feb. 26

The class meets from 4:30-5:30 PM on Sundays and will discuss the doctrines of the Christian church and the Mission and Ministry here at Trinity. This B.A.S.I.C.S class is the route to membership.

You can register online by going to our web site www.TrinityLCS.org and clicking on the "Information" tab at the top of the page, then "New Members."

You may also contact Jan at JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org

Two Notes from our LWML

Save the dates

February 18th LWML meeting at 1 PM, in Founders Hall, all ladies invited.

February 19th
Missionary Brunch Fundraiser
8:30am to 11:30 am in Founders Hall.
Sponsored by LWML



Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we thank You that You have sown the seed of Your Word into our hearts. We ask for "good soil," that is a heart that intentionally hears and retains Your Word. Allow Your Law to work in our hearts to convict us of sin. Lead us to repentance and turn us away from rebellion. Grant us faith in the Gospel, trusting that our sins are forgiven and that we belong to You through faith alone and by Your grace alone. Help us to understand Holy Scripture, and give us a hunger and thirst to become ever more biblically literate and doctrinally sound disciples. We pray this in Your Holy Name, amen!

Want to serve on the Board of Elders?

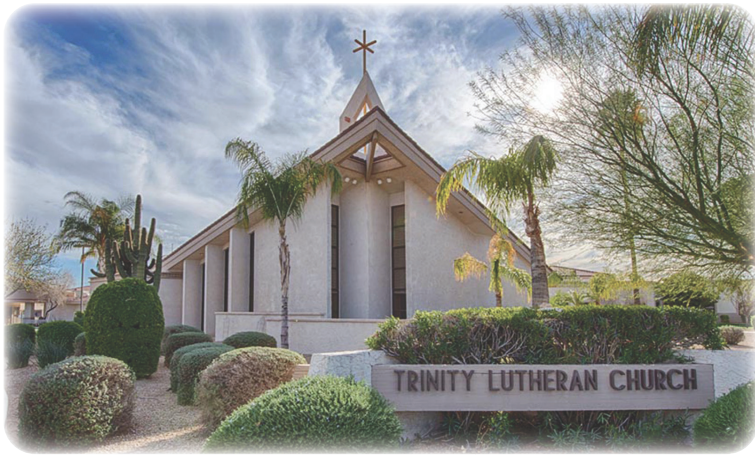
We have openings on the Board of Elders! This is a 2-year term that will be elected at the congregation meeting on June 4, 2023. If you are interested in serving and want more details, please see/email Pastor Bolte (DBolte@tTrinityLCS.org). We will set up a meeting to go over the work of the Elders!

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome at worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday worship services! At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May 10. 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. **Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion!**
CONFIRMATION
Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm
8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm
5th & 6th grade - Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom
7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 404



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

NEW UNIT! Lesson 6: A TEMPLE CLEANSING
Jesus Clears the Temple • John 2:13-22

BIBLE TRUTH

God wants us to keep His Word sacred.

LAW & GOSPEL

I sin when I do not honor God's house or when I neglect to worship. Through the Word, God's Spirit leads me to worship and honor Him.

CROSS Training!
NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



Offering Envelope

If you did not receive Offering Envelopes, but would like to have a set, please contact our Business Office at AThursam@TrinityLCS.org

Thank you again for your financial support



Chad Bird

April 21-22, 2023

*Walking Backward to Bethlehem
How Christ Permeates the Old Testament*

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on April 21-22, 2023! Chad Bird from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in a Christological look at the Old Testament! Chad is an LCMS seminary caliber teacher who has written several books and hosts two podcasts. This will be a Friday night/Saturday morning seminar and it will be excellent!

Plan NOW to Attend • MARK IT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR

Register today at TrinityLCS.org

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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