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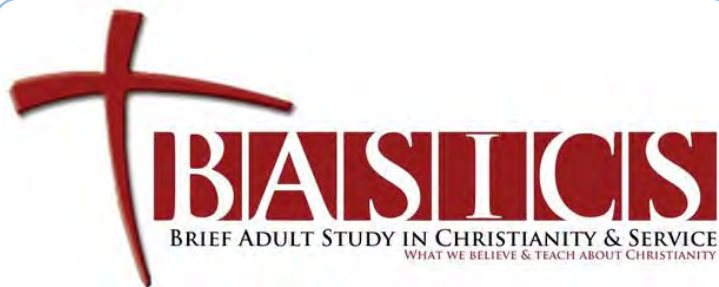
Feb. 18: Adopt a Missionary
Brunch in Founders Hall



"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.

Join us for Pre-service Lenten Meals on Feb. 20, 27,
March 5, 12, and 19 at 5:30pm in Founders Hall



Join Us TODAY • New Member Class

Our next New Member Class will be running from
TODAY thru 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!

New Bible Studies Starting!

Two new studies are starting soon and you are welcome to come and join us in studying!

This is a good opportunity for you to start coming to a bible study! All notes will be prepared for you, just bring your Bible!

The Book of Ecclesiastes

OASIS (Wednesday at 630pm)

This study starts March 6th

Understanding Denominations

Tuesdays @ 11am

This study starts February 20th

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

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.

Looking for Lenten Devotional Videos?



Trinity Lutheran Church & School has a rich archive of **27 playlists containing over 1,269 daily devotional videos recorded from 2016-2023 by Laura Nelson and other Trinity**

Friends. These video devotionals offer guided help as you observe this penitential season and reach out to your community with the Gospel in preparation for Easter.

Be sure to browse our library to choose a Lenten series and "click play" beginning today, the first Sunday in Lent. Please share these with your families, friends, neighbors, and use them in your classrooms if they fit into your day!

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

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory; the skies display the work of your hands. Thank You for inspiring men of old to write down those things You would have us to know about you, ourselves, and most importantly, Your dear Son, Whom You sent to die and rise for our salvation. As we hear Your Word proclaimed, may we trust it as it brings us true comfort and hope. Amen.

Blessings to each of you this Lent as we reflect on the cross of Christ, our King.

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.

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]

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

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



Lent/Easter Services @ Trinity Lutheran Church!

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



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.

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

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."**

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.)

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

February LET'S GO!

Let's Go! is going Mexican on February 29 (Leap Year)! Arriba Mexican Grill will be the February **International Restaurant** destination. Arriba has been a Mexican cuisine highlight in the valley for several decades.

Join us for good eats and great fellowship on Thursday, February 29 (Yes, the last Thursday of the month AND Leap Year Day!) in the Jungle Room of Arriba Grill.

Arriba Mexican Grill is located at 15370 W McDowell Rd. in Goodyear. Meeting time will be the usual 6:30 prompt.

Please reserve your spot by February 28 with Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233.

Men of Faith

ON BREAK thru LENT

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 630pm** in the Adult classroom just off the narthex of the sanctuary.

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.

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.

Women's Bible Study

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

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we thank you that You set your face like flint to go to the cross for us. Deepen our understanding of Your love for us during this Lenten season, and grant us faith to set our face like flint towards You. We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father. 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.



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>

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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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