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## NEWS from the LWML

We want to thank everyone who donated food and helped with the Missionary Bruch last Sunday. It was a great turn out, we served about 90.



We also want to thank everyone for their donations for our Missionary AmyFormella and for the South Sudan Projects.

Join us for the next 4 Tuesdays at weekly Lenten Suppers from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Feb. 27, March 5, 12, & 19.

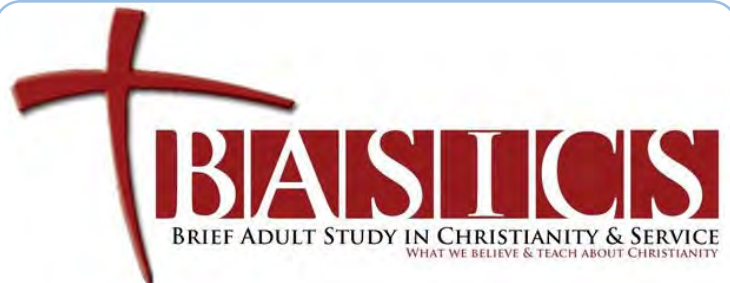
The next LWML Meeting will be March 16th in Founders Hall at 1pm. Our guest speaker will be from Orphan Grain Train. We will learn how to make ground mat's for the homeless from plastic shopping bags. Make sure you're saving those bags and bring them with you.

## New Bible Study Starting!

**We have a new study 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**



Our next New Member Class is running now 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!

## OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church. **CONFIRMATION** is on **Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm** for 8th grade and **Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm** for 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.



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.

### **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!

### **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*

# 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

## 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/](https://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.

## 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.

## 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 fun day of great Christian Fellowship. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Founders Hall from 10AM-1pm. We start with a Devotion and Bible Study, games, and we recognize the birthdays for the month. *Bring your own lunch.* The next date for AMOS is February 28th. Hope to see you all there!

## Prayer of the Week

*God the Father, we thank you for sending Your Son Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sins. We thank You that He shed His blood for us so that we can live eternally with You. Deepen our faith in His sacrifice, and allow us to respond with sacrificial lives of praise and thanksgiving. Help others learn of Jesus through us and our words, so that they too can know and believe that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In His Name we pray, 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 fifth-grade teachers.**

### Meet Ms. Hogan, Fifth-Grade teacher

Ms. Kelly Hogan comes to us with 14 years of experience in both elementary and high school. She has a passion for working with kids and knows that God has equipped her with the skills to motivate and inspire eager young minds, helping them succeed to their fullest potential. She was born and raised in Minnesota and graduated from Mankato State University with a B.A in Art Education. Soon after graduation, she moved to Arizona to pursue her teaching career. In 2015, Ms. Hogan received a Masters Degree in Teaching and Educational Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Her greatest achievement came in 2019, when she became a mom to her amazing son, Jameson! During her free time she enjoys creating core memories with her son, cheering on the MN Vikings, being outdoors, and anything having to do with music, art, or food! Ms. Hogan and Jameson are both members of Trinity Lutheran Church and she is excited to be joining the ministry as a teacher!



### Meet Mrs. Benally, Fifth-Grade teacher

Molly Benally has been teaching at Trinity since 2001. For eight years, Mrs. Benally taught third grade and has been teaching fifth grade since 2008. She is the fifth grade home-room teacher and teaches Faith Development to all grades fifth-eighth and Government to eighth grade. Her son, Ben, attended Trinity Lutheran School from preschool through 8th grade and attends Valley Lutheran High School. She feels blessed to be a teacher at Trinity and loves sharing the Word of God with the students. Mrs. Benally is originally from West Union, Iowa, a born and raised farm girl. Mrs. Benally graduated from Iowa State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education. She became synodically trained in 2004. Molly lives with her husband, Michael, and son, Benjamin. She enjoys spending time with family, watching sporting events, baking, watching movies, playing board games and cards, and traveling. Her family attends Trinity Lutheran Church.



### Questions about Trinity School?

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

**Electronic Giving:** Visit our Website at: [TrinityLCS.org](http://TrinityLCS.org) and click on the "Giving" tab for instructions.

**Bill Pay:** This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to TLC.

**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.

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

### 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](http://TrinityLCS.org)  
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