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CONFIDENCE *and* BOLDNESS

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RISEN

UNREST IN SUDAN!

Many of you have asked about the unrest in Khartoum, Sudan and how that will affect me in Yambio, South Sudan. I will be almost 1,000 miles away from that, and in a different country. I asked Bishop Anibati this week via email if I should postpone the trip, and he responded: *"I don't think it can affect your trip. It is also not causing any problems in South Sudan, it is safe for you to come. If there were any concerns I would have informed you."* Thank you for your concern. Please keep Sudan in your prayers; some of the past students who are now Pastors in the Nuba Mountains are affected by this fighting. Also, there are 3 students from the Nuba Mountains in seminary now; and their families are in the midst of this.



Congregational Meeting

The annual **TLC Ministry Plan** is now available on the information centers of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. This Ministry Plan is prepared in preparation for the Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 4th at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary**. This tool gives our staff a chance to update you on current ministry here at Trinity. In addition, the Slate Of Officers is posted in it which will be voted on at this congregational meeting. **Please take one, read through it, and keep us in your prayers!** *It is by God's grace alone that we are able to do so much in His Kingdom!*

Worship Schedule Updates

May 14 • All services in Sanctuary
May 21 • All services in Sanctuary
May 28 • All services in Sanctuary
June 4 • All services in Sanctuary

Please Note!

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.

Join Us For VBS June 5-9

REGISTER TODAY

www.vbspro.events/p/tlcs-vbs2023

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY.
Health and Safety has always been VERY important to everyone here at Trinity and this year is no different.



Registration questions? Contact Laura Nelson LNelson@TrinityLCS.org
Volunteer questions? Contact Ruth Fisher RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

!!* Calling Adults and High Schoolers !!

We are eager to **SHINE JESUS' LIGHT** at our Vacation Bible School! Come and shine Jesus' light with us!!! We have many eager children, **WAITING** to sign up. Be a part of God planting seeds in the hearts and minds and lives of children! This is a structured VBS where the message is taught in Bible Skits, crafts, games and snacks. Our most urgent need is adults and teens to volunteer as crew leaders and helpers. A Crew Leader and a helper, would guide a group of 10 as they experience the Bible story. You would be given questions to guide a brief discussion afterwards, helping children to know Jesus!

TALK TO RUTH FISHER to be part of the joy of **SHINING JESUS' LIGHT!** Call Ruth to chat!
Or text! 480-235-1473 – rfisher@trinitylcs.org

Other VBS areas to volunteer are acting out the Bible Story in Bible Adventure, help with crafts, serving snacks and taking pictures! Shine, Jesus' Light with us June 5th - 9th from 9am to noon! You may discover, (like many other people have), that letting God's light shine through you ... grows your heart several sizes!!!

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!

Not sure how to talk to someone else about God's gift of baptism? Let's chat and maybe I can give you ideas. Call me: Ruth Fisher
480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



Freshman Frenzy • May 10

Every year, Trinity's recent confirmands (& friends) are invited to join the SR Youth in the LIGHT Lounge Youth Room to get to know your new TLC Youth Group. What to expect: FOOD. FUN. GAMES.



UPDATE: Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org
NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm.**

"A man ought to be able to say in every circumstance of life — whether sickness, poverty, or even in the midst of death — that 'I know I have a gracious God; God is no longer wrathful toward me, but rather God loves me as a father loves his child.'" What is Christianity? Francis Pieper, p.23

Thrivent Financial Members: Please Read

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know **you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School?**

Directing Choice Dollars is easy, simply go to Thrivent.com/thrivenchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.
A heartfelt thank you to all of you who direct your choice dollars to Trinity. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Summer is almost here!
**FOR INFORMATION ON
OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS**

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AT OFFICE@TRINITYLCS.ORG

www.trinitylutheranschoolaz.org

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us! Women's Monday Night Bible Study will complete their series on Psalms at the Monday, May 1 meeting at 7 p.m. in Founder's Hall. The lesson is on Psalm 90, "God Speaks When I Think of the Passing of Time." We thank Karen Frusti and Pat Paulson for leading us through this study.

This will be our last meeting for the 2022-2023 term. All women are welcome to attend, and/or to watch for our resumption of meetings in September and join us then for our series "Mountaintop Journeys with Jesus."

For more information call Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268 or Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485.

LWML News

Mite Box Sunday will be on May 7th

LWML Prayer Service
will be on Saturday, May 20th at 1pm.
Everyone is invited.

Ask our SR Youth about...

...their upcoming Summer Servant Trip: CHAMP CAMP
In June of 2023, Trinity's High School Youth will discover true worth and potential; gain confidence through positive friendships, new life skills and growing passions; and most of all, deepen their faith in God through the love of Jesus at Camp Lutherhaven's Champ Camp in Couer d'Alene, ID.

Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. The Champ Campers our teens will work alongside have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for caring servant friends during their time at camp.



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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: MAY 7th

On May 7, at the 11:30 Worship Service, 6 of our youth will be confirmed in their faith!

Confirmation is a 4 year program where they learn the Old Testament, New Testament, and Lutheran Theology. They become acquainted with Holy Scripture and Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Our goal is to put the Teachings of Jesus in their ears and the Name of Jesus on their lips so that the Holy Spirit can build Faith in Jesus in their hearts!

Our fervent prayer is that our youth grow to become Biblically Literate, Doctrinally Sound, Passionately Engaged, and Mission Minded disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Please pray for these youth, and if you know any of them, please acknowledge them somehow!

**Michelle Qian Barbe • Jonathan Mark Carson
Kenzie Taylor Ruehrmund • Joseph Robert Legere
Brock Daniel Guiney • Quaid Sullivan Guiney**

What is confirmation?

- A. A rite of profession among men.
- B. A public confession of Christ.
- C. A public renewal of the baptismal covenant.
- D. Reception into communicant membership in the church.



What does Matthew 10:32-33 say?

Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven.

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity...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

CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

TODAY IS THE LAST CLASS FOR 2022-2023

Today, Sunday April 30 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 about next year? Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

Prayer of the Week

Jesus, our Great High Priest, we thank you that you usher us into the presence of God the Father and His throne of grace. Help us to understand the magnitude of this gift you have given to us. Help us to be bold in asking our Father for grace, mercy, and help in our time of need. Amen!

Sunday Morning – 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke is being 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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

Join us **TODAY** at 10:15 for
Our LAST CLASS of 2022-2023

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our CROSS Training
Coaches, helpers, and subs throughout the
2022-2023 Sunday School year!

3s-Kinder: Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney,
Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)

1-3-grade: Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)

4-6-grade: Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)

7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:

Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)

Adults: Janet Sienkiewicz (Boardroom)

You have graciously given your time and
energy to assist children in their spiritual growth.
Thank you for volunteering your time and
talents for the service of the Lord.



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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You're invited to have an ICE day!

I hear our JR & SR youth are axel-lent at skating!

Who: Trinity Youth + friends! (Grades 5-12)

Drop Off and Pick Up at AZ Ice (Peoria), wear warm clothes
+ long socks! You pay \$10, the Youth account will pick up
the rest. (Bring extra money if you want snacks)

Questions? Contact Ms. Laura!

Friday Parenting Group • Fridays 8:30-10:30am

You are invited to join a merry band of women as
together we navigate the wonderful, unpredictable,
joyful, exhausting world of mothering!

You'll find lots of laughter, understanding, support
and love! God's Word guides us as we look to our
Maker on how to raise our children, and discover we
too, are still learning. *Call Ruth to reserve your
childcare! 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org*

Prayer Chain

Beginning May 1st, Charlene Nichol (CNichol@TrinityLCS.org)
is the contact person for the prayer chain. THANK YOU!

Questions about Trinity School?

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