

# The Holy Trinity

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## LAND SALE UPDATE

Trinity's sale of 7.4 acres of vacant land to Porter Kyle is completed. The Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed on September 7, 2021 at an agreed price of \$373,000 per acre and closed on May 9, 2024.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) will receive \$2 million to pay down the mortgage and, after all the fees & expenses are paid, the Church will receive \$537,758. We thank the Lord for our Congregation and the LCEF organization. It is by God's grace alone that we are able to have a beautiful place to worship, learn, and serve Him!

Trinity Sunday School  
**SUMMER**  
**BREAK**

"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. 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

## TODAY, MAY 26 SERVICE

Please note that all services this Sunday will be in the Sanctuary.

The styles of worship will remain, just the location is changing. We will return to our regular schedule & locations on June 2. *Thank you for being flexible!*

## TLC MINISTRY PLAN

The annual TLC Mission and Ministry Review 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 2nd at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary.**

In addition, the Slate of Officers are posted in it that will be voted on at the 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!*

**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.**

## 50th Anniversary Merch!

As part of Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the celebration committee is making available for purchase T-Shirts and Polos that feature this 50th Anniversary logo embroidered on them. These shirts come in multiple styles: Men's, Ladies, Youth, Infant & Toddler in a wide assortment of colors and sizes. An insulated lunch cooler and two styles of bags of bags have been added, also. **By popular demand, ladies dress blouses have been added!**



The prices start at \$15.99 and are offered "at cost", there is no profit to the church if you order. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our 50th Anniversary throughout the year! Follow the link below or scan this QR code to see style the shirts and options, and to order. *Be sure to check sizing information found with the 'Specifications' link for each product.*



<https://bit.ly/50AnniversaryShirts>

## Holy Communion For The Weak In Faith

Some Christians might be troubled and heartily terrified because of the great number of their sins. They think that in their great impurity they are not worthy of this precious treasure and Christ's benefits [in Holy Communion]. They feel their weakness of faith and lament it, and from their hearts desire that they may serve God with stronger, more joyful faith and pure obedience. *These are the truly worthy guests for whom this highly venerable Sacrament has been especially instituted and appointed.*

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, FCSD VII.66

## Annual Trinity Angel Tree Craft Fair

**The 6th Annual Angel Tree Craft Fair will be held on October 12, 2024 from 8am to 2PM.**

Currently accepting vendors for the event!

For details, please contact Gloria Tiemann directly by email: [gtiemann77@gmail.com](mailto:gtiemann77@gmail.com)

We are looking for a treasurer..liaison between Angel Tree and LWML treasurer. Responsibilities are to receive funds from fundraising and give them to the LWML treasurer. Then receive receipts from Angel Tree shopping and coordinate reimbursement with LWML to the Angels. We also ask that they keep a simple ledger to show income and expenses for Angel Tree. We need this person to be on board August 2024.

Next we need an event co-coordinator for the Craft Fair. Main responsibility is to be the liaison with the vendors. This person would walk through the process with the current coordinator for the 2024 event then be the primary vendor contact for the 2025 event. Onboarding for this position is immediately as Craft Fair plans are starting.

Additionally we are seeking additional members who have a heart to "help those in our community who are in need at Christmas." Couples & families are welcome as we need a few strong and willing backs to assist with moving tables at the fair set up and tear down.



## Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to [newsletter@trinitylcs.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitylcs.org) The deadline for article submission is Tuesday at noon.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has been an excellent partner with us in mission and ministry throughout our 50 years. They have been instrumental in our mission and vision planning, the construction, and building process, providing our loans, and working with us during some very lean years.

They once told us that we did in 5 years what most churches do over

25+ years. The aerial graphic shows how we built out our campus. We are currently in the process of selling about 8 acres of our vacant land directly east of our developed land. If you invest in LCEF at [LCEF.org](http://LCEF.org), you are helping LCMS congregations! LCEF also operates a bank you can use: <https://www.lutheranfcu.org>



## Prayer of the Week

*God the Holy Trinity, the One, True, and Only God, we thank you for providing all good things to us; and for helping us in our times of need. Help us to be fiercely loyal to you all of our lives. Help us to fear, love and trust only in you; so that we can glorify and serve you throughout our lives. We pray this in Jesus the Son's Name, amen!*

## 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*

## 2024 VBS Message from Ms. Ruth

To my fellow VBS lovers,

After much prayer, Pastor and I had to make a hard decision for this **year, to NOT have Vacation Bible School this summer.**

I have been recruiting since before Christmas. **We have a lot of wonderful and willing volunteers. However,** there are areas where we need more dedicated **staff** with the technical ability and extended availability to cover several necessary areas. **We simply do not have that this year.**

I am disappointed too. **We love sharing the good news of Jesus together with our children and families in VBS! But we must do it safely and well.**

Praying for the good Lord to lead us!  
Looking forward to seeing how He will supply!

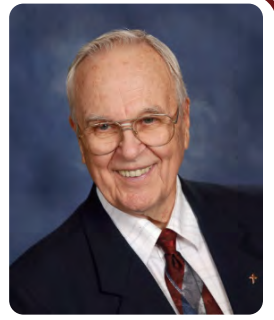
**Please pray for God to send us more workers in our corner of His kingdom!**

## STUDY THE WORD

God alone can create and preserve faith in us. God creates faith in us through the Word. He increases, strengthens and confirms faith in us through His Word. Hence the best service that anybody can render God is diligently to hear and read God's Word. On the other hand, nothing is more perilous than to be weary of the Word of God. Thinking he knows enough, a person begins little by little to despise the Word until he has lost Christ and the Gospel altogether. *Commentary on Galatians, Martin Luther Chapter 1: 11-12*

## Pastor John Ramsey

Pastor John Ramsey's funeral service will be Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am here at Trinity. Following the reception, burial will be at the National Cemetery in Cave Creek. We thank the Lord for his faith and life; and his service to us as a Visitation Pastor for over 15 years! *Please keep his family in your prayers.*



## 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>

## 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! *If you would like childcare at 6pm Worship, contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473*

## NEWS from the LWML



Thank you to all who have been giving the LWML grocery bags. Here is a picture of what those bags are making. Keep them coming. We need to make many more of these mats for the homeless here in Arizona.

LWML will be meeting at Pebble Creek, Eagles Nest Restaurant at 1pm on the 3rd Saturday of June, July, and August.

If you or your spouse (*men are invited*) plans on attending please contact Valerie Severino at 1-623-907-9646 so she can make the reservations.

Hope to see you all there!

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# SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS

Each camp runs Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:00. Children should bring a snack and water bottle with them to camp each day.

\$150/CAMP



Scan to Register or visit:  
<https://forms.gle/p5Ja6qriBLD2vSmb7>

### Heroes & Stories of the Bible for Primary Students

July 8-12  
Ms. Grace

We will look at Old Testament Heroes in the Bible. Our time together will include a discussion of Biblical Heroes, looking at the role God gave them, learning songs, and doing crafts!

### Sports and Indoor Games for HSP Students

July 8-12  
Mr. Toth

Join Mr. Toth for intramural sports and indoor games this week!

### Heroes & Stories of the Bible for HSP Students

July 15-19  
Ms. Grace

We will look at New Testament Heroes in the Bible. Our time together will include a discussion of Biblical Heroes, looking at the role God gave them and how that relates to our lives, and a service project.



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Over the past several months, the school staff has been highlighted in the newsletter. Classroom teachers, specials teachers, assistants, Child Care workers and the office staff have been included. We now come to the team that is responsible for leading that team of workers to prepare the students to be disciples of Christ through exceptional education and a firm foundation in God' Word---our Administrative Team. Meet our Administrators!



Heather Chapman serves as Early Childhood Director. She has been on Trinity staff since 2006. In addition to Early Childhood Director, Heather

serves as the Admissions Director and Nursery Coordinator for the church. She is currently working on completing her Early Childhood Administration Certificate through Concordia University Nebraska. Heather attended Arizona State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. While a student at ASU, she met her husband, Mike. They have 2 children, Grace and Ben, both graduates of Trinity and then Valley Lutheran. Heather loves spending the day with God's little ones and considers being at Trinity one of God's greatest blessings. Her favorite Bible verse is: from Isaiah 43: 1. "I have called you by name. You are Mine."



Amanda Beaver serves as Assistant Principal. Amanda joined Trinity in 2018. She holds BA from in Secondary ED from ASU as well

as a MA in Curriculum and Instruction and an MA in Educational Leadership—both from American College of Education. In addition, Amanda has a PhD in Performance Psychology from GCU. Amanda says, "While there are many responsibilities that I have (supporting teachers, overseeing curriculum adoptions, managing accreditation), by far, the most important part of ministry is that each child hears about Jesus every day." The favorite part of her day is watching the families drop off their children each day! Amanda is married & has 2 children who attend Trinity.



Astraea Rolhoff serves as Principal. Astraea was born and raised in AZ. She earned her BA in Education from ASU and her M.ED in Educational Leadership from NAU. She began

her ministry at Trinity in 2016. Astraea has 24 years of experience in education and school administration. Her teaching experience includes Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd Grade. In addition to teaching experience, she has 17yrs of experience in private school leadership. Astraea is a Commissioned Worker in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). One of her many blessings includes serving in a school where Christ is the center of all aspects of the ministry. Astraea and her husband, Jonathan, have three children; Grace (20), Jonathan (18), and Faith (16). They have been active members of Trinity for close to two decades. The Scripture verse that serves as her guide is Philippians 4: 13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**Trinity is accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 24-25 school year! If you enjoy working with children and youth and are interested in serving in this capacity, please email your resume to [abeaver@trinitylcs.org](mailto:abeaver@trinitylcs.org). Requirements: Must have a valid fingerprint clearance card flexible; experience working with children is preferred.**

## Questions about Trinity School?

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**Heather Chapman**  
Early Childhood Director  
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## Meet Some of Our Church Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**  
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**Deaconess Ruth Fisher**  
Director of Family Ministry  
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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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