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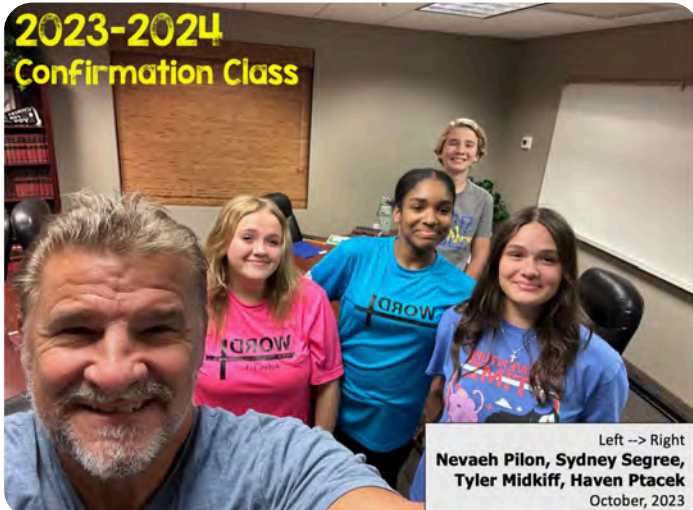
50 YEARS
TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

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TODAY is CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

TODAY at the 11:30 Worship Service, 4 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, acknowledge them somehow!



MAY 12, 19, 26 SERVICES

Please note that all services for these three Sundays 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.

OASIS BIBLE STUDY & CONFIRMATION

SUMMER BREAK • SEE YOU NEXT in SEPTEMBER

During the school year, we meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Pastor leads the Adult Bible Study in the Church. CONFIRMATION classes meet Mondays (8th grade) and Wednesdays (5-7th grade)



TRAVELING THROUGH THE BIBLE !

Last Sunday, children and our CROSS TRAINING teachers had an active Outdoor Party to close out our classes for this year. We started at the picnic tables in the pretty courtyard filled with flowers by the cross. Denise Rhodes and Jeri Nawotka had a "revealing" scratch cross craft activity. Each child got a chance to scratch a black cross with their own colorful design to express our joy at Jesus' resurrection! Around the corner, they discovered Peter (alis Bruce Rogers), who had a trivia contest to review our Bible stories. They impressed "Peter" with how well they remembered! Next, we found our high schoolers and Travis & Lindsay Guiney near the field. Sitting by the grassy field, Travis reminded us of Jesus teaching a big hungry crowd and the little boy with a little lunch of fish and bread. After a snack of GoldFISH & cookies/loaves of bread, the teens led a game of Minnows and Sharks! Next, Ruth noticed the Roman Soldiers coming to arrest more Christians! We had to run away from the soldiers like the early Christians did when they were persecuted for their faith in Jesus! We finally hid in the Church nursery to get away! But they found us!! (Who knew sweet Julie Dodson would make a tough Roman soldier?!) Luke was definitely our best "hider!" Ruth shared a true story about her friend and her pastor who were arrested as they tried to sneak Bibles into a Communist country. Her friend was in a jail cell alone that she couldn't even stand up in. We celebrated being free to worship God with sweet Popsicle treats! The Word of God is sweeter than honey! Psalm 19:10

We are very thankful to the good LORD for our amazing, loving teachers : Jeri Nawotka, Julie Dodson, Denise Rhodes, Bruce Rogers, Travis & Lindsay Guiney, and our faithful adult leader, Janet Sienkiewicz and our cheerful helpers: Kenzie Pederson and Emilee Swagger. What a blessing they all are!
(NOTE: CROSS TRAINING will resume the 1st Sunday after Labor Day.)

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

AMOS

ATTN Seniors! Our next get together for AMOS is May 8th. We will have Bible study, play Dominos, and eat a sack lunch. Hope to see you all there.

Confession and Absolution

[Confession] is the custom which Christians have, to bring their transgressions before their Heavenly Father in contrition and repentance, to confess them all without excuse or attempt at mitigation. We can do that so freely because we know that God is reconciled to us through the blood of His Son. He forgives us our sins for the sake of Christ, He cleanses us from all our imperfections and unrighteousnesses, from the sins which still cling to us and make us laggards in the fulfillment of God's will. This He can do because the righteousness of Christ is there in sufficient quantity to outweigh all our trespasses; His expiation is great enough to cover all our sins.

*The First Epistle General Of John,
Popular Commentary of the Bible, Dr. Paul E. Kretzmann*

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**

Prayer of the Week

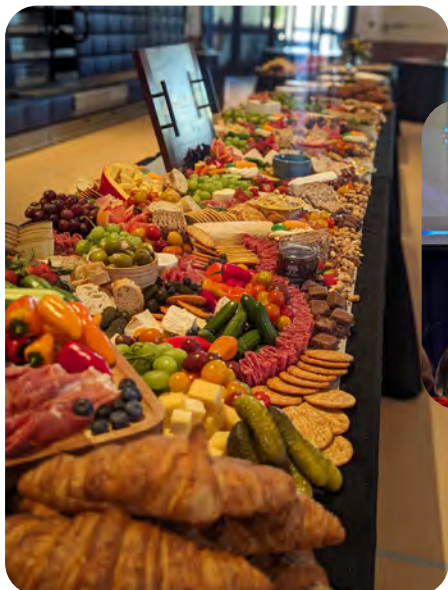
God the Father in heaven, we thank you for giving us parrasia through faith in Jesus Christ. We thank you for the boldness and confidence we have in our Christian faith and life. Today Lord we ask that you give that boldness and confidence to our young Confirmands: Nevaeh Pilon, Sydney Segree, Haven Ptacek, and Tyler Midkiff. Send them your Holy Spirit so that they may remain faithful to you throughout their lives; living their faith boldly in word and deed. And Lord, grant to all of us that same boldness and confidence, so that we all may live with boldness and confidence in You, Your Word and Your Promises. We pray all these things in the Name of Jesus, our only Savior and Lord, Amen!

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 arial 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 www.LCEF.org, you are helping LCMS congregations! LCEF also operates a bank you can use: <https://www.lutheranfcu.org>



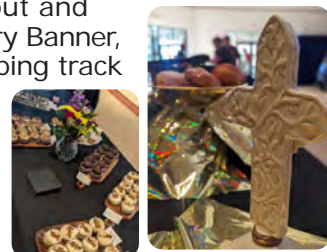
!!* THANK YOU for JOINING US !!

ICYMI (in case you missed it), the 1517.org event with Erick Sorensen on April 19th and 20th was a huge success!



A grateful shout out to all who helped make it a weekend of thought provoking study and enjoyable togetherness. A special thank you to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee for valuable input and contribution (Cathryn Hendricks-Stefan's 50th Anniversary Banner, Sandi Simon's Mission Maps); to Martha Mueller for keeping track

of countless details (and sampling cupcakes); to Steve McDonald for crafting the charcuterie board gift and to his co-sommelier, Jan Reynolds, for serving at the wine table; to Trinity Lutheran School for providing the beautiful placemats, to Cheryl Wagner for leading the bountiful breakfast bar (and her team, Carol Thompson and Paul and Jan Midkiff); to Beth Spekhard for leading the luscious lunch; to Amy Thursam and Tina Steill for wo-manning the registration table; to the heavy lifting set up and clean up crews—Randy Mueller, Gail and Fran Coulthard, Phil and Helen Hudak, Kenzi Butts, Tom Bonsness, Joe Ellidge, Tally Gilama, Felix Quinones, to those who pulled double duty in more than one area , and to everyone else who quietly pitched in to help make this event such a special time together. Your willingness to serve with joy is part of what makes Trinity such a welcoming place!



NEWS from the LWML

Our next meeting will be May 18 th at 1pm. This will be our Annual Prayer service. Everyone is invited.



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



How Do You Know What Is Sin?

Whether or not anything is a sin is not determined by what we think, or how we feel, about it, but solely by this: does it or does it not agree with the Word of God? ... The question whether anything is or is not sin, is not determined by our personal opinion, our knowledge, our intention, or our will, but solely by this one fact, whether or not it is an agreement with the will of God. ... Thus, to sin means to do what God forbids, or not do what He enjoins, or not to be as He wants us to be.
A Summary Of Christian Doctrine, E.W.A. Koehler, p.62-63

Men of Faith

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.

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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In addition to the classroom teachers, the staff of Trinity includes a Child Care staff. Trinity offers a program of caring for children from the age of 12 months through elementary school age. Students enrolled in the school may receive care before and after school hours. The staff meets all of the State standards required and are committed to sharing the love of Jesus with the children and their families. This program makes it possible for young families to have their children cared for in a safe, loving and nurturing environment. The Child Care staff is a committed and caring group and much appreciated. The staff includes:



Gail Coulthard



Melanie DeYager



Jesenia Gonzalez



Mary Ann Marquez

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.



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>

Ladies button down shirts and the large tote bag have recently been added!

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. Requirements: Must have a valid fingerprint clearance card flexible; experience working with children is preferred.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of 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
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