

News from Prison!

We have exciting news from our fellow Christians in prison. One of our Bible Study leaders has qualified for the **Wild Land Fire Crew in the Healthy Forest Initiative and Abatement program.** This program enables men in prison to be trained and to be active firefighters now. When they are released, they are able to transition to firefighter jobs. Keep praying for this man and all our firefighters!

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

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

July Let's Go

We continue to celebrate God's presence at Trinity through fellowship and friendship. Let's Go continues to grow and provide opportunities for making new and reaffirming old relationships and friendships. The lure of the Orient is calling us to an award winning Vietnamese restaurant in Surprise. **Saigon Kitchen** will stretch our culinary appetites with tantalizing and delicious fair. **Saigon Kitchen** is located at 14071 W Bell Road, Surprise. The date is Thursday, July 27 at 6:30PM.

Please make your reservations by July 26! Call Wilma Rupprecht: 630 888 4233

A TIME TO CONNECT!

It's a Ladies Lunch for all ages & YOU are invited! This fun get-together is for us all to get to know each other better! Meet Aug 19 from 1pm - 3pm. We will gather at the Eagle's Nest in Pebble Creek (3645 N Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395) This is sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (Note: Each person will choose their own meal/drink and pay for it only.) Get your reservation ASAP with Valerie Severino 623-907- 9646.

PSST! Attention all MEN! The men have heard how much fun the ladies were having at these lunches, so the men are going to lunch, too! (Separate tables!) Join the fun!

A big GRACIAS goes to Fred Hill!!

Weekly, Fred has faithfully translated Pastor's sermons into Spanish for one of our men in prison. Thanks for letting God shine through you!

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.





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Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have adopted us into your family through faith in your Son Jesus Christ. We rejoice in our redemption from the Law of God. Allow us to never fall back under the Law and its demands and punishment; but rather grant us faith to believe that Jesus took our place and set us free from the Law. Send your Holy Spirit, so that we may live as Your sons and daughters. Teach us to pray, and give us confidence in the inheritance you have promised us. We pray this by the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, 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.

Questions about Trinity School?

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AMY SCHULTZ: SHORT TERM MISSIONARY

Our own Amy Schultz is going on a LCMS short term mission trip!
She writes, "This year, I have the privilege of being a part of an LCMS International team of volunteers (from all over the United States) who will serve in the Dominican Republic, in August. Our team will prepare and lead a VBS for approximately 50 missionary kids (infant to teens!). I am so excited to serve our Lord in this way, and also represent our Church.



This will be my fourth mission with LCMS International. I thank you for your prayers. Please feel free to ask me any questions. And, for more information, here is our website: www.servenow.lcms.org" **God's blessings Amy – and thank you for your service!**

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

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets all summer long on the 2nd and 4th Wednsday's each month. Meet us in Founder's Hall from 10:00am-1pm. **Our next meeting will be July 26, 2023.** It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch.