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SUMMER SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

SENIOR CONFIRMATION!

If you are in 8th grade or older, and haven't been confirmed in the Lutheran Church, then this class is for you! Pastor Bolte teaches this class on Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm in the Church Office Boardroom. Please email Pastor to sign-up for this class! *A brief Parent meeting will be TODAY, August 27th at 12:20pm in the sanctuary; and classes begin Monday, Sept. 11th!*

Did you ever consider being a Lutheran Pastor or a Lutheran Teacher?

Many LCMS pastors, deaconesses, commissioned church workers, and teachers held other successful careers before pursuing a second career in service to Christ's church. You could do the same! Have you been praying about a full-time vocation in the church? You can use your experience and skills from your current work as a second-career church worker. Ready to learn more about opportunities to pursue a second career in full-time church work? Our seminaries and Concordia universities are happy to answer your questions. Visit lcms.org/sas for more information. There is a flyer in the information counter as well!

NEED: 8th-12th grade OASIS teacher!

We have an urgent need for a Bible teacher for our youth! The class meets during the Oasis timeslot on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If you have the gift of teaching, here is an opportunity to serve! Let Pastor or Ruth know if you are interested and would like to talk more about it!

New Member Class is scheduled!

October 1 - November 12
B.A.S.I.C.S is a 7-week Bible study that includes the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church. It is the route to Membership here at Trinity.
The Fall classes will meet on Sunday evenings, Oct. 1 - Nov. 12. We will meet from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary. Please RSVP with Pastor Bolte --> DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank you for your sacrificial love in giving your Son to be our Savior. We thank you for the faith given to us by the Holy Spirit to know and believe it's true and it's for us. Help us now to live holy and godly lives, set apart from the world, in order to love You and our neighbor. Teach us to love others according to Your Commandments, teach us to be patient and kind with the people in our lives. We thank you for your love for us, and we know and acknowledge that the only way we can love others is because of Your work in and through us. We pray this in Jesus our Savior's Name, Amen.

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.

Don Wharton: Rescued at Sea!

Many of you know Don Wharton, a Lutheran singer/songwriter who has been here at Trinity many times. In 1993, he was in a Bering sea airplane crash, and miraculously survived! He has now written a book celebrating the 30th anniversary of that miracle. It includes recollections of his missionary trip to Russia, the people he met, the work that was done, the back story, and the ministry outreach since the crash. The book is only \$5! If you would like us to order you a copy, bring your \$5 to the church office anytime before September 5th!

3-minute Mingle

For the next 3 minutes seek out a visitor or a person you don't know well and talk with them, then you can go and talk with your friends.

Mission Moment

We come to God with empty hands. We have nothing to give as sinners. Jesus fills us up with forgiveness, love, mercy, peace, and joy!



"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with." by Billy Graham

There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them!

Are you a helper? Tell them why you help!
"Jesus has been so good to me, I want to share this with everyone!!"

Are you a good listener? Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives. **Do you like to tell stories?** Tell others how Jesus has freed you and filled you!

Invite friends to come to be filled by Jesus!

Invite a neighbor or co-worker to church.

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

HOW CAN YOU LIVE A HOLY LIFE?

In the sermon, you will hear how the Gospel of the Lord Jesus changes your life and motivates you to live a holy and godly life. This is called "sanctification", and it is a fruit of the Gospel. What application point is being made for your life? How does the Scripture apply to your life? How does the love of Christ show itself in your vocations? How can you live a sanctified life, set apart and holy through faith in Christ? Be sure to learn how to live a sanctified, Christian life.

Lutheran Sacrifice

During the years when the Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) were written and defended, faithful men and women of God, both laypeople and clergy, sacrificed all they had -- in some cases their very lives -- to defend and extend the truths of God's Holy Word as confessed by the Lutheran Church. Men died in battle fighting to defend the right to teach Lutheran precepts in classrooms and preach the Lutheran faith in pulpits. They died defending their cities and towns -- and most important, their convictions -- from armies of political and church leaders trying to stamp out Lutheranism forever. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, "Introduction ... with intrepid hearts", p10. [slightly adapted]

SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on **April 19-20, 2024!** Erick Sorensen from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in an excellent study of Scripture! Erick is an author and host of two 1517.org podcasts. This will be a Friday night / Saturday morning seminar; and it will be excellent!

Plan Now To Attend!

**MARK IT DOWN
ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

More information to come in 2024!

"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

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.)

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.

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 September 13. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

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

CROSS TRAINING PARTY!

Sundaes on Sunday!! Gather in Founder's Hall at 10:15am! Our kickoff day for CROSS TRAINING will be Sunday, September 10th and we are starting with a PARTY! Children ages 3 through teens are all invited AND their Parents or Grandparents. This is a Meet the Teachers event as well as a Meet other parents! ... while enjoying ice cold ice cream with your favorite toppings! Come and enjoy the fun and get to know your Trinity family!

What is CROSS TRAINING?

This is a 10:15am Sunday morning age appropriate Bible Study groups for 3 year old through adults. Each Bible Story level is taught by loving, fun teacher who cherishes the Word of God! Look for a tall table after church and Ruth Fisher to answer questions and sign up you and your children. Age levels: 3 yr old - Kinder, 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade, 7th-12th grade, and the Adult Class studies the same Bible story, so you can discuss at home!

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT?

It's round-up time! The LCMS has a network of pastors and congregations who are eager to connect with any college students and care for them while they're at school. All they need from you is to help make the introduction. Please encourage parents and/or students to check out the interactive LCMS U campus ministry map at www.lcms.org/lcmsu, and utilize the online referral form provided there to connect to local LCMS U chapters. If you have any questions, contact *Rev. Marcus Zill* at 520.400.3470 or marcuszill@gmail.com

Men's Group

Pastor Bolte leads the Men's Group • Tuesdays - 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. Together, the men are studying the Book of Concord. *Back in Session on Aug. 28!*

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**

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*

Current, High Priority Volunteer Needs

Sunday School Teachers

Teach in a rotation;

we also need subs for teachers

contact: rfisher@trinitylcs.org

FLC Chair Set-Up

Fridays @ 6pm for one hour

contact: Bonsness@msn.com

Senior Youth Group

Counselor/leader for 9th-12th grades

contact: dbolte@trinitylcs.org

Junior Youth Group

Counselor/leader for 7th-8th grades

contact: dbolte@trinitylcs.org

Helping Hands

Prepare and deliver a meal

for those recovering from health issues

contact: rfisher@trinitylcs.org

Front Office Receptionist

Thursday or Friday, morning or afternoon

contact: rbolte@trinitylcs.org

Trinity's Prison Ministry

God works in wonderful ways!

The same sermon you will hear today, will be read by six prisoners this next week or so. It all began with a Trinity member who knew someone sentenced to prison. She also knew where real hope comes from and the power to change - it comes from our Savior from sin, Jesus! So she prayed for him and sought ways to get the Gospel to him. Every prison/jail has very strict regulations on what can be mailed to prisoners. All things are examined. She asked the prison if she could send Trinity's sermon. The man who received the sermons began a prayer circle with two others. She sent a worship service. The men began to use Trinity's worship service every week in the Prayer Circle. That Prayer Circle of 3 has now grown to 20! Behind locked gates, they use the same sermons and worship service we use each week! Please pray for these men.



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2023 Harvest to Holiday
CRAFT FAIR
CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FOOD & FUN

Trinity Lutheran Church
Southwest Corner of
Dysart & Indian School
Litchfield Park

September 30th
8 am to 2 pm

Questions? Contact Gloria Tiemann GTiemann77@gmail.com

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, support understanding and love!

Call Ruth to reserve your childcare! 480-235-1473



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
School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Is giving to the Church new to you? Is it difficult for you to make a commitment to give to the Lord financially? Christians give to their local congregation to support the work of the Gospel in that place. We do not ask, nor would we ever expect, unbelievers to do so. But we do ask the Christians who consider Trinity their home church to give financially to support the work of the Gospel among us. If you are giving, THANK YOU for your faithfulness. If this is new, or if you are not giving, please consider starting. You can give electronically if you would like. Faithful, weekly giving supports the work among us.

UPDATE

Shirley Lohse's memorial service will be Saturday, September 9th at 11am, with reception afterwards. (It had previous been posted as August 26th.) Please keep Pastor Paul and his family in your prayers.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us on the first and third **Mondays at 7pm in Founders Hall**. All women are welcome and invited. For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589

The Church in South Sudan!

The LCMS Convention formally declared "Altar and Pulpit Fellowship" between our two churches this week! You can watch the official, unanimous vote and a 7 minute clip of Bishop's Peter Anibati acceptance speech on his Facebook page: "Peter Anibati Abia" from July 31. WE THANK THE LORD FOR THIS, and rejoice that we were a part of making it happen!

Questions about Trinity School?

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