

#### **OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION**

Campus Wide Wednesday Night Bible is BACK starting September 7th from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May. Pastor will lead the **Adult Bible Study** in the Church. Trinity's **teens in grades 8-12** meet in the LIGHT Lounge youth room to study God's Word with Ms. Laura. Our **5th**, **6th**, **and 7th-grade students** will dig deeper into the Christian faith. 8th grade confirmation meets on Monday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

#### Prayer Chain

Our Trinity family joins together in prayer throughout the week on our PRAYER CHAIN. Feel free to send your prayer requests of praise or thanksgiving to Jan Reynolds at JReynolds@ TrinityLCS.org

#### **HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON**

#### **LISTEN FOR THE GOSPEL!**

The number one thing to listen for in a sermon is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. How is the Gospel being proclaimed? What has God done for you? How does it apply to you? Do you believe what is being proclaimed to you? The Gospel is what creates and strengthens your faith. Be sure to listen for, identify, and apply the Gospel to your own life! The Gospel creates and strengthens your faith!

# Help Wanted!

Trinity's facilities department is looking for a part time maintenance person to work with us 20 hours per week. You would be doing repairs, moving items,



putting things together, installation, keeping track of inventory, & work orders through a computer program. If you are interested, please contact Roxanne at RBolte@TrinityLCS.org or 623-935-4665 ext 214.

#### **PARENTS OF 5th, 6th and 7th GRADERS!**

NEWS FLASH! Wednesday, August 31st at 7pm in the Adult Classroom - There will be an important meeting for parents and students of 5th, 6th, and 7th graders for confirmation. This meeting explains our Confirmation Program here at Trinity. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org

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.

#### GOD'S PROTECTION IN HOLY COMMUNION

We need the protection Jesus provides in the **Lord's Supper** ... We need not wonder if we and those with us in worship each week need Jesus' personal aid against Satan. As Luther wrote, "If you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you [Ephesians 6:16], you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible" (LC V 82). Satan launches his sharp missiles at our conscience, seeking to distort it. By self-accusation and brooding despair, Satan would deceive us to think that our sin outweighs Christ's sacrifice. Conversely, by self-justification and comparison with others, Satan would deaden our conscience in comfortable pride. While we might underestimate the dangers of a bad conscience, Jesus does not. ... A clean and good conscience trusts that Christ's forgiveness, delivered in His promised gifts, cleanses us from all sin. Such a conscience also expects and asks all that is good from God. A clean and good conscience before the Holy Trinity is a wondrous treasure!

"As You Proclaim Him" By Kenneth Wieting

# **AMOS** = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on Sept. 14 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.* 

#### THE WORD

"Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, the devil breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, that it is bound never to be without fruit, but always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness, and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts. For these words are not lazy or dead, but creative, living words." The Book of Concord, Large Catechism 1:100-101

# Handbells

Trinity's Handbell Choir is looking for ringers for the Fall/Winter season. Contact Juliann at the church office with any questions. JDolge@TrinityLCS.org

# DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN

• We are seeking gentle, loving people to care for our littles during Sunday Evening Worship 6pm – 7pm, Wednesday night Bible Study, and/or special services. This could be paid position or volunteer. *Contact Ruth Fisher!* 

# **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 prayer, knowing that You invite us into your presence, care deeply about us, and promise to be with us and to help us. We also look forward to the Last Day, the return of Jesus in great glory. Give us parrasia on that Day, the confidence and boldness of forgiveness righteousness, and life on the Day of Judgment. We pray all these things in the Name of Jesus, our only Savior and Lord, Amen!

"God bestowed new life on us in Holy Baptism. He now comes to feed and nourish us. We cannot go back to the cross, but because the risen and ascended Christ possesses all the authority of God's Right Hand, He can and does bring the fruits of the cross to us."

The Blessings of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.20

# **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

#### **Trinity Lutheran Confirmation Students & Friends**





#### NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR RESERVATIONS

Sign up early for inside booths \$60.00 includes 10'x10' booth space Contact Sue at 315-269-7938 to reserve your spot

# We love our little ones!

During Sunday worship, the Church Nursery is open to little ones 4 and under. At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At the Family Life Center, the church nursery is in Preschool Room 109.

# Calling all moms!

Gather together for a fun, enriching, and empowering time with women who are experiencing the crazy and the heartrending and heart touching journey of mothering! This year's first get together will be on Friday, Sept 9th! Free childcare - call Ruth Fisher to reserve FREE childcare for your child during the parenting group (480-235-1473) or RFisher@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

# **Rally Sunday**



# **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 & maybe I can give you ideas. Call me Ruth Fisher, 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

B.A.S.I.C.S.

New Member Classes

Our new member classes here at Trinity are called "B.A.S.I.C.S.":

Brief Adult Study
In Christianity and Service.

These are seven stand-alone classes, where you can learn and review the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith, and further understand your role in the Kingdom of God!

The next session of classes is:

October 16 - November 20

Sundays, 4:00-5:15pm

Please RSVP Jan Reynolds if you think you will attend or if you have further questions:

jreynolds@trinitylcs.org





# Trinity Lutheran

# **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

# 8:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study continues to meet in Founder's Hall

You are welcome to this Bible class as we continue to study Exodus. We will continue with our study through the Summer. This group is truly a great Christian Community, encouraging one another and serving boldly. Join us!



# REGISTRATION is OPEN!

# **CROSS Training starts** September 11

Give your children the benefit of knowing the timeless Bible stories that teach them who God is, what God's love has done for them in Jesus Christ and what their purpose in life is!

**CROSS Training! NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD** NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



# Looking for a few helping hands!

We would love to supply hot coffee and cold punch each Sunday morning!



You have likely seen Ms. Ruth setting up

and serving Coffee & Punch on Sunday Mornings. However, when Ms. Ruth is handling details of setup and cleanup, we are missing opportunities for meeting visitors, caring for those who are struggling, and answering questions about Trinity's many activities. If you would like to join a team to set up coffee and punch one Sunday a month or clean up once a month, please contact Ruth Fisher by phone 480-235-1573 or email RFisher@TrinityLCS.org today!

# Questions about Trinity School?

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#### **Meet 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 School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665