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Bible Classes are in session!

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are two of many...

- THE BOOK OF GALATIANS This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm, in the Sanctuary
- 1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE: This class is held on Tuesdays @11am in the Sanctuary. *Free up your schedule for an hour on Tuesday mornings, and make this part of your weekly routine! Join us as we study God's Holy Word!*

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.*

MEN OF FAITH

We are meeting on Tuesdays at 630pm, and all men are welcome to join us in discussing theology together based on Dr. John Kleinig's book, "Grace Upon Grace." *PLEASE NOTE that we will not be having class on Oct 4 or 11; otherwise we will be meeting on Tuesdays!*

First Grade Bible Presentation



Bible presentation for our Sunday School Children is Sunday, October 30 at the 11:30 a.m. service.

It has been our tradition here at Trinity to give a Bible to each first grader. As they learn to read, we want them to have the most important book they will ever read: The Bible. Any first grader may participate. We will provide photos in the courtyard afterwards. **Parents:** If you have a second grader or older child has not yet received a Bible or you will be out of town that day, please talk to Ruth Fisher (RFisher@TrinityLCS.org).

Thank you to all our Trinity church members for generously providing these Bibles through your faithful, weekly offerings.

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.

Adult CROSS Training

Each Sunday at **10:15am** ADULT CROSS Training will meet in the Board Room in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** guiding as Elijah teaches us in God's Holy Word. *Questions: Contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org*

*The Bible is not a novel to be read,
but a sacred text to be studied!*



Moms: This is for you!

Friday Parenting Group is for you! Join us on Fridays at 8:30am – 10:30am for an enriching, fun, and empowering time for women who are experiencing the crazy, heartrending and heart touching journey of mothering. Call Ruth Fisher to reserve free childcare during this parenting group at (480-235-1473) or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

"Thank You!" from Willard Maynard

Thank you for the generous card shower for my 99th birthday. I received 99 cards! I enjoyed reading each of them. It was so kind of you to send a card and offer your blessing for me. ~Willard Maynard

THE WORD

"Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you -- the Holy Scripture -- and no other book on earth." *Martin Luther (WA 48:155)*

2022 Harvest to Holiday
November 12th
8 am to 2 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Southwest Corner of
Dysart & Indian School
Litchfield Park
CRAFT FAIR
CRAFTERS, VENDORS, FOOD & FUN

• 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

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on Sept. 28 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

"As we grow in the Word, we learn to use it in daily life. As we apply the Word, we exercise our 'spiritual senses' and develop spiritual discernment. It is a characteristic of little children that they lack discernment. A baby will put anything into its mouth. An immature believer will listen to any preacher on the radio or television and not be able to identify whether or not he is true to the Scriptures."

Hebrews, T.L. Constable, 2019 edition, p.96

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*

Trinity's LWML says..

IT'S Calendar Time!

LWML is selling 2023 calendars after each service in October and November. These beautiful calendars are \$10.00ea.



Upcoming events:

October 9th is LWML Sunday with noisy mites.
October 15th is LWML meeting 1-3 Founders Hall

DAILY FORGIVENESS

God has in Christ once put away our sins, forgiven them. And that attitude towards our sins He maintains forever. One should never think that daily confession of one's sins should annoy or weary him. He never changes His forgiving attitude towards us. As it is our nature to sin, so it is His nature to forgive. He has also promised us in His Word to forgive us our sins, and He will never go back on his promise.

"Lectures on the Three Letters of John" by Dr. George Stoeckhardt, p.10

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

Updates from South Sudan

GREAT NEWS OUT OF SOUTH SUDAN!

The LCMS President Matthew Harrison has declared "Altar and Pulpit fellowship" with the ELCSS/S. This recognition means that the ELCSS/S is now a partner church of the LCMS! This was a long and complicated process that ELCSS/S Bishop Peter Abia has navigated. All glory and praise be to God!!!

TRAGIC NEWS OUT OF SOUTH SUDAN

There is considerable flooding in NE South Sudan; people's homes and crops are flooded! This is all they have; this will lead to other problems, such as disease and famine. Please pray for them and ask the Lord to work in powerful ways with his mercy and grace.

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

8:45 AM Adult Bible Study meets in Founder's Hall across from the Sanctuary building.

The topics for study for the next several months are 'The Armor of God' and 'The Sermon on the Mount'. These studies will be led by Ed Rupprecht. The Fall session will be the 'Gospel according to St. Luke' led by Rev. Les Self. Donuts, coffee and amazing fellowship guaranteed. All are welcome!



- Sept. 30: SR Youth Sunset Hike & Supper!
- Oct. 14-15: SR Youth TREE RETREAT
- Oct. 9: Summer Servant Trip Meeting

Contact Ms. Laura for more information or to RSVP

Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion!

Confirmation classes are on Wed. at 6:30pm! **5th & 6th graders** will be in the **Adult Classroom** by church digging deeper into the New Testament! **7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms. Ruth in **Room 404**. **8th graders** meet Mondays 6:30pm -7:30pm with Pastor as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

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

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



Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Women's evening Bible Class meets the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm in Founders Hall beginning Sept. 19 in Founders Hall. We will begin our study of Psalms. All women are invited to join us! For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589.

Sanctuary Choir Resumes

Sanctuary choir resumes Tuesday night rehearsals next week! Join us on September 20 at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary to find out what's going on this season. Call Juliann at the church office with any questions.



Prayer of the Week

LORD GOD, we thank You for Your apostles, who gave their lives to proclaim the truth of Your Holy Word. We praise you for Martin Luther and the Reformers, who stood firm on your Word and promises. Help us to be bold and courageous in our lives; and to stand on your word and promises in our day and age. Send us your Holy Spirit so that we may be lights that shine in this dark world. And Lord, if and when we are persecuted, give us the strength to remain faithful to you at all times and in all things. Give us the boldness and the courage that comes with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! In Jesus name, amen!

September 'Let's Go' Fellowship Event

We are going 'Down Under' for our next 'Let's Go' activity. The 'Outback Steakhouse' is an Australian inspired setting where mates gather for Aussie hospitality and good eats. **The Outback** is located at: 14225 W Grand Ave, Surprise. We will start at our usual 6:30pm on September 29, the last Thursday in September. Please reserve your spot by September 28 with Wilma Rupprecht. Phone: 630 888 4233.

Handbell Choir Resumes Sept. 26!

Trinity's own Handbell choir will meet in the church sanctuary on **September 26 at 6:30pm** to discuss this year's plans and to start ringing! Let Juliann know if you are planning to ring this year so she can plan music.

2022 Fall New Member Class is scheduled!

B.A.S.I.C.S is a 7- week Bible study that includes the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church.

The Fall classes will meet on Sunday evenings, Oct. 16 - Nov.20 from 4-5:15pm. To register, ask questions, or if you will need Child Care, please contact Jan Reynolds at JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org

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!



Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

3s-Kinder: Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney, Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)

1-3-grade: Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)

4-6-grade: Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)

7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:

Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)

Lesson 2: CONSUMING FIRE
Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
Text: 1 Kings 18:17-40

Learner Goal: I know God is the true God, and I praise Him.

Law/Gospel: God demands that I fear, love, and trust in Him alone, yet I sinfully place my trust elsewhere. Jesus proves that He is the true Lord—offering Himself as the sacrifice for sin.



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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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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