

VERBS AND THE WORD

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
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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

Front Office Receptionist

Thursday or Friday, morning or afternoon

contact: rbolte@trinitylcs.org

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. 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

Upcoming Funerals

We have two families grieving and preparing for upcoming funeral services:

The Lohse family grieves the death of Shirley, and the service for Shirley will be Saturday, September 9th at 11:00am. Please keep Pastor Paul and their family in your prayers.

The Dusenbery family grieves the death of Nancy. The service for Nancy will be Saturday, September 16th at 11:30am. Please keep Bob and their family in your prayers.

We thank God for our hope in Christ and the comfort of the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting!

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Volunteers

NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS



SIGN UP TODAY!

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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.

"Nothing in all the world even comes close to the importance of gathering each week in the presence of the risen Christ to receive His gifts and respond in prayer and praise. The Word made flesh is present to teach us through His Word. The Word made flesh is present to feed us with His body and blood. This is where God, Who is everywhere, is present for us to bring forgiveness, life and salvation directly to us."

The Blessings of Weekly Communion, Kenneth W. Wieting, p.21

Thrivent Financial Members: Please Read

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or School?

Directing Choice Dollars is easy, simply call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who direct your choice dollars to Trinity.



To submit an article for the newsletter, email to Newsletter@TrinityLCS.org NEW deadline for article submission is **Tuesday at 5pm.**

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. 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 Book of Acts 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!

It's a PARTY! An ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY!!
NEXT SUNDAY, September 10th at 10:15–11:15am.
Join us in the Founder's Hall across from the church!! Children ages 3 through seniors in high school AND their parents are invited to enjoy a fun Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!!! You will meet your CROSS TRAINING teachers, students in each class, and get to know other families at Trinity.

Register your children today at the tall table!

Questions? Contact Ruth Fisher at 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org!



What is CROSS TRAINING?

CROSS TRAINING is our Bible exploration using age appropriate teaching methods each Sunday at 10:15 starting Sept. 10. The most important things we can teach our children is who Jesus, our Savior is, and His deep love for us!

BONUS: Each week, the Adult Bible Class studies the same Bible Story as the children, enabling families to easily discuss the meaning of God's truth for our lives!

CONFIRMATION STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th 6:30pm – 7:45pm!!!

Calling all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!
You are at a new age and stage!

You have a lot of questions about yourself and life! Confirmation classes bring together the teachings of the Bible giving you a framework for life. You are ready for a deeper understanding of the Christian faith! These classes will prepare you for receiving God's gift of Holy Communion at the end of your 8th grade year.

- **5th & 6th graders** meet with Charlene Nichol in the Adult Classroom in church digging deeper into the New Testament this year and the Old Testament next year!
- **7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms Ruth. It's all about real life!
- **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*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

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!



Prayer of the Week

Holy Spirit, You have spoken through the Prophets and the Apostles and have given us the inspired and inerrant Word of God. We thank you that we have printed copies and electronic copies of the Bible at our fingertips and so easily accessible. We ask that You give us a hunger and thirst for Your Word so that we will treasure and value it. Help us to hear it, meditate on it, study it, memorize it, and understand it. Help us to always see our Savior Jesus Christ in the Holy Scriptures, because we know that they testify about Him. We ask this in His Name and to the glory of the Father, Amen

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**

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. Behind locked gates, they use the same sermons and worship service we use each week! Please pray for these men.



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

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

Men's Group • Back in Session!

Pastor Bolte leads the Men's Group • Tuesdays - 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. Together, the men are studying the Book of Concord.

Are we praying for you?

Do you remember loving your church youth group?! Do you love working with teens?! Or maybe you wished you had someone to help you navigate your teen years? We are praying for High School Bible Study Leaders for Wednesday night and Junior High Youth Group & High School Youth Group Leaders.

Are we praying for you?! Let the fun and growth begin! Contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org

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.

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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

NEW study starting September 18!

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 or Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485!

Questions about Trinity School?

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