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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience with us today. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance. God's blessings on your worship!

Worship Times
7:30am (Sanctuary)
Traditional Lutheran Worship
9:00 & 10:15am (Family Life Center)
Contemporary praise music
11:30am (Sanctuary)
Blended Traditional Worship
6:00pm (Sanctuary)
Casual Lutheran Worship
Nursery available for all services
FLC Services Preschool Room 11
Sanctuary Services School Nursery

Sunday School

8:45am Adult Bible Study
(Room 301)
10:15am Adult Bible Study
(Room 301)
PS 3/4 Yr Olds/Kindergarten
(Preschool Room 9)
1st/2nd Grades
(Room 303)
3rd/4th Grades
(Room 403)
5th/6th Grades
(Room 404)
7th/8th Grades
(The Lounge - Youth Room)
(PS through 2nd Grades meet in the Sanctuary at 10:15 to begin with Praise Time and will be picked up in classrooms at 11:15)



WORSHIP AT TRINITY

The Lord's Supper: Our Understanding and Practice

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who are members of a different church other than The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study see Matt 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 11:17-34.

Worship Attendance--

SUNDAY - 03/19/2017

7:30am	TRAD	105
9:00am	PRAISE	169
10:15am	PRAISE	115
11:30pm	BLENDED	96
6:00pm	TRAD	33
	TOTAL	518

The flowers on in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Vicki Armstrong by Betty Asato, Val Laine and Brenda Bartish

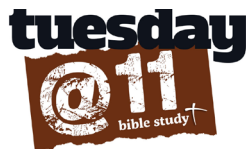


STUDY

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be biblically literate and doctrinally sound disciples.

The Book Of Romans

This class, taught by Pastor Bolte, is held during the OASIS time slot on Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:45pm.



The Book of 1 Corinthians

This class, taught by Pastor Bolte, will be held on Tuesdays@11am.

The Book of Acts

This class, taught by Pastor Bolte, is held on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 - 7:30. This is primarily a Trinity Lutheran School faculty Bible study, but if you want to join us, you are welcome!



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

BASICS is for anyone wishing to become a member at Trinity or just wanting a great 7 week Bible study reviewing the basics of the Christian faith. Child care is provided. Register online at <http://www.trinitylcs.org/about-us/new-members/> or contact Andi at amcdonald@Trinitylcs.org. The next BASICS class begins April 23.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

- 8:45am (Room 301) **Adult Bible Study** w/ Pr. Les Self
- **"One Christ Many Creeds."**
- There are important reasons (biblical reasons) why Lutherans are Lutheran and not Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Methodist, etc. On the surface, this Bible study is about the histories, concerns, and main teachings of various Christian church bodies. Beyond the surface, this Bible study is really about what Lutherans believe and why they believe it.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

- 10:15am (Room 301) **Adult Bible Study** w/ Suzanne Suarez
- **The Book of Proverbs**

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man. This Bible study is the first of a 3-part series devoted to Martin Luther, a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation. We meet @ 7pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at Karen Onstad's home. All women are welcome to attend. If you have any questions call her at [623-935-4589](tel:623-935-4589) or Study Leader Karen Frusti at [602-828-2268](tel:602-828-2268).



Calling All Moms!

Stop by on a Friday morning and check us out from 8:30-10:30am in Room 301! Join a friendly group of moms as we encourage each other! We fill up with the hope and help in God's Word and look at practical ways to teach/discipline right in the middle of the craziness of life! Expect lots of laughter! Open to all mothers! Currently we have moms with newborns through teens. Free Childcare in 103. Contact Ruth Fisher ([480-235-1473](tel:480-235-1473)) to sign up for childcare!



ADULTS

A.M.O.S. (A Ministry Of Seniors) meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

- Next meeting is **Apr 12**
- Bring a sack lunch and join us in a short Bible study, Christian fellowship and games. All seniors welcome!
- On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we celebrate the birthdays of members of the church 55 and over with a birthday!

TRINITY QUILTERS

Trinity Quilters will be meeting Saturday, Apr 1st. We have plenty to work on helping another church to complete some large quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No experience needed. Come anytime between 10am to 2pm in Room 301. Bring your lunch and enjoy the time we have together. The construction should be complete. Thank you to everyone that joined us last month. Bring your friends! Questions, call Shirley Helgeson at [623-972-7334](tel:623-972-7334) or Marie Turkenkopf at [623-935-4770](tel:623-935-4770).

ANGEL TREE - GIRLS' AFTERNOON OUT EVENT

Join us Saturday, Apr 1st for our Spring Event. We are trying a new time at 3pm (from previous 5pm). Come and have fun with us from 3 to 5, then continue your evening with your friends afterwards. We will be serving heavy appetizers and soft drinks - feel free to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy. Our project this year is a darling set of two 6" x 6" studded canvas. This is the last week to sign up after services. You can also sign up by contacting Nancy Gardiner at: ngardiner33@gmail.com

Devotions! Devotions!

- Look for Laura during Lent on YouTube (Subscribe and receive notifications when new Videos are posted)
 - Grades K-4: www.bit.ly/2mezoQH
 - Grades 5-8: www.bit.ly/2lUdgIS
 - High School & Young Adult: www.bit.ly/2ldfxzR
 - Anyone/Everyone else: www.bit.ly/2ldmXU3

You can also find these links on the web site at <http://www.trinitylcs.org/info-center/seasonal-devotions/>

- Ruth has a basket with devotion booklets for adults and children.

It's Lutheran Witness renewal time

If you are interested in receiving this informative monthly publication please let Roxanne know by Apr 17th. We need your name and mailing address and a check for \$15.96/year payable to Trinity Lutheran Church in the offering plate. Note "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line. Contact Roxanne at [623-935-4665](tel:623-935-4665) ext 210 or RBolte@TrinityLCS.org with questions.

2017 Spring Splash Car Show

Questions? Need more info? Contact Charlene Nichol, [602-618-9476](tel:602-618-9476)

LAST Planning meeting TODAY at 11:30 in room 301

PLAN TO SERVE or ATTEND: April 8

STILL NEEDED canned soda & small bags of chips. You can drop your soda/chips off at the office anytime during the week or at Church on Sunday. ALSO NEEDED raffle donations. Last year we raffled off a different gift basket or other items about every 15mins. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card for the raffle drawing, please reach out to Charlene! As you now know the Car Show is much more than a fundraising event for our Senior Youth. It is an outreach to our community. In order to make it successful we need many volunteers. Contact Charlene, today!

Reformation Celebration Brainstorming!

- Monday, Apr 3 – 6:30pm
- Join us for a fun meeting of tossing ideas around on ways to celebrate the 500th year of Luther's call back to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
- We will explore ideas for our congregation as well as the community!
- Can't make the meeting? Email rfisher@trinitylcs.org with ideas!

KNOW THE FACTS – MAKE A PLAN

A Christian Legacy Workshop THREE OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND! Bagels & Coffee at 8:30am. Light lunch at 12:00pm Main presentation during the Oasis hour 6:30pm. Join us on April 5 and hear what the Bible tells has to say about providing for and protecting your family and the supporting the ministry of the Church. It's never too EARLY to begin thinking about and planning your estate. If you would like to make a personal appointment with Pam during the day, contact me, and I will schedule a time for you. jreynolds@trinitylcs.org

Nominations for Elected Offices

We are starting the process of collecting nominations for elected offices here at Trinity. This year, we will have openings for one "At-Large" Board of Director position, and 4 Board of Elder positions. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone (with their permission), please email Pastor Bolte (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) so we can arrange an interview. The congregational meeting that elects our new officers will be **Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 12:45pm.**

Think exotic as we plan for the next 'Let's Go!' International Dinner!

While we had hoped for 'Irish' in March, (it will happen in April instead!), our March event will take us to the highly rated 'Royal Jasmine' Thai Restaurant in Goodyear. So, start off with 'potstickers', underscore with 'Pad Thai' and punctuate with coconut ice cream! Sound good? Join us on **Thursday, Mar 30** at the Royal Jasmine at our usual time of 6:30, located at 14970 W Indian School Rd in Goodyear. Please make your reservations by **Mar 29**. Call Wilma Rupprecht: [630.888.4233](tel:630.888.4233).

TODAY TODAY TODAY → LAST Car Show Meeting

Who: JR & SR Youth, Parents, and other Volunteers

What: Discuss the 2017 Spring Splash Car Show

When: **Mar, 26th at 11:30am**

Where: Room 301

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Your 2016 Choice dollars expire **Mar 31, 2107**. You need to designate to a charity of your choice. I would like to suggest that they be directed towards Trinity;s remodeling yard work. Let the church office know the dollar amount so they can set towards the project. Questions? Contact Thrivent chapter financial director, Phil Larsen [623.229.3254](tel:623.229.3254) or Thrivent [1.800.847.4836](tel:1.800.847.4836)



YOUTH/FAMILIES

Sunday School: Age 3 thru High School

- Contact Laura Nelson for info LNelson@TrinityLCS.org or call/ text [515-864-6064](tel:515-864-6064)

PRAISE TIME – Praising God in Song!

- **Preschool through 2nd grade - in Sanctuary**
 - 10:10 am – Sign-in at Sanctuary bldg - church
 - 10:30am – 11:15am – Bible Lessons in classrooms
 - Parents pick up from classrooms
- **3/4th grade, 5th/6th grade, 7th/8th grade & HS**
 - 10:15am – Gather in their own classrooms for great Bible discussions with teachers and friends

3yrs-Kinder: Judy Bodnar & Jen Dalton, Preschool Room 9

1st/2nd: Karen Shanafelt & Trevor Wheeler, room 303

3rd/4th: Sandi Simon & Tonya Waite, room 403

5th/6th: Jim McDonald, room 404

7th/8th & HS: Jodi Hamill, the LIGHT Lounge

- **Lesson 12: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)**

Jr. Youth 5th - 8th Grades

Contact Laura Nelson for info lnelson@trinitylcs.org or call or text [515-864-6064](tel:515-864-6064)

- **OASIS (Confirmation)**
 - **Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm**
 - Larry Billar - 5th Grade - Room 502
 - Bruce Rogers - 6th Grade - Room 504
 - Ruth Fisher - Jr. Confirmation - Room 602
 - Vince Owen - Sr. Confirmation - Room 301
- **JR Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser GOING ON NOW in the Hospitality Area- YUM YUM!**
- **TODAY → JR Youth Bowling at Uptown Alley MEET → At Uptown Alley on Mar 26th from 1:30-3:00pm**
 - **COMPETE → Your Youth Leaders -- Heather, Marvin, Zack and Laura -- want to show you how we ROLL!**
 - **COST → \$4.50/person, per game & \$4 for shoe rental**
 - **SAFETY First: Don't forget that Permission Slip/Health Form**
 - **FRIENDS Always Welcome!**
 - **Need a ride? Contact Laura Nelson!**
- **JR Youth Egg-straordinary Egg Decorating & Devo**
 - **When: Sunday Apr 2nd from 1-2:30**
 - **Who: JR Youth (5-8th graders) + Friends!**
 - **What: Egg Decorating, Egg Minute to Win It games & Lent/Easter-prep Devo**
 - **Where: The LIGHT Lounge**
 - **Special Note: We purchased our eggs from Hickman's Family Store. If you've never been -- GO RIGHT NOW for egg-cellent customer service & the bestest eggs around!**

Sr. Youth High School Age

Contact Laura Nelson for info lnelson@trinitylcs.org or call or text [515-864-6064](tel:515-864-6064)

- **OASIS High School Bible Study**
 - **Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm**
 - Connected to each other and plugged in the Word!
 - Meet us in the LIGHT Lounge
 - Two weeks ago Zack took us all over scripture to find out what Spiritual Gifts are. Last week we thought more about how the Holy Spirit has gifted us. This week we'll be looking at putting these God Given Gifts into action in our church and communities!
- **SUPER SWEET Sunday FUNday TODAY from 5-7pm**
 - **Wisk it! Roll it! Bake it! (but don't eat it!)**
 - **Who: SR Youth + Friends**
 - **What: Making & Baking Cookies for Car Show Lunches**
- **Car Show Prep and Pizza Night**
 - We're having our Pizza, Pop and Prep meeting here at church on **Thursday, Apr 6th from appr 6pm - 8 pm**
 - **If you are in JR Youth, this event is for you!**
 - **If you are in SR Youth, this event is for you!**
 - If you are one of our AWESOME adult volunteers, this event is for you!
- **Misc. SR Youth Shenanigans**
 - **Mar 26: LAST Car Show Meeting**
 - **Mar 26: Sunday FUNday**
 - **Apr 6: Car Show prep and Pizza Party**
 - **Apr 8: 5th Annual Spring SPLASH Car Show**
 - **April 15: Piestewa Peak, Mountain-A-Month Hike**

If you're interested in knowing more about what the SR Youth specifically are up to at any of these events CONTACT LAURA -- it might not be what you think at all!



MISSION

MISSION U – Evangelism Workshop

- **Saturday, Apr 1st 9am – 2pm** Free w/lunch
- **Equipping to Share Everyday Evangelism**
- **This workshop will increase your faith-sharing comfort level and give you more ideas to reach out to those living without the light of Christ!**
- **Desert Foothills Lutheran Church - 29305 N. Scottsdale Rd.**
- **To register: Contact Pam Grass at officeasst@DFLC.org**
- **www.lhm.org/missionu/schedule.asp**
- **To carpool: call Ruth Fisher [480-235-1473](tel:480-235-1473)**

MISSION FIELD – CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

Our first and most important mission field is an arm's length away: our family. Husbands, wives, parents, children, siblings, cousins, aunt, uncles, nieces, nephews, in laws. Each is a chance to share the Good News of Jesus! Pray! Each one needs the hope and help our Savior offers! Feed yourself and them the life-giving power of God's Word. Encourage them in faith. Bring them to church! Invite them to church events. Add a prayer/blessing in birthday cards. "May Jesus, the Lord of Life, guide you this year!"

February 2017 Period 08 - Financial facts.

- **Total Revenue for the period \$287,226 (\$31k better than projected)**
- **Total Expenses for the period \$224,964 (\$661k lower than projected – Only non discretionary spending)**
- **Net Revenue for the period was \$62k (\$32.7k better than projected☺.)**
- **Total revenue continues to exceed the projected revenue in Nov-Feb This was due to additional envelope offerings and increased Preschool revenue.**
- **YTD, we are still missing our projected revenue mark for the Church and School by \$33k but this number is getting smaller every month – Praise be to God. Please continue to prayerfully consider your tithing.**
- **Capital Fund contributions for the period was \$3,979.**
- **Capital Fund contributions YTD is \$44,208. These dollars would normally go directly to the mortgage principal, but given our current budget situation they will be applied to our current mortgage balance.**
- **2016-17 Enrollment Status.**
 - Elementary is currently at 164 enrolled (93% of 2016-17 target)
 - Preschool is currently at 199 enrolled (Over 100% of 2016-17 target)
- **2017-18 Enrollment has begun.**
 - Elementary is currently at 149 enrolled (93% of 2017-18 target)
 - Preschool is currently at 128 enrolled (69% of 2017-18 target)

Martin Luther Biography

If you would like to read up on Martin Luther, a good, concise biography is *Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career, Second Edition* by James M Kittleson (Author), and Hans H Wiersma (Editor). This is an updated edition of the biography that was assigned in seminary. Available on Amazon <https://goo.gl/MZYqXJ> for \$24.51 (\$14.57 Kindle)