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july 30, 2017 spirit filled life

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 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)

ON SUMMER BREAK

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 vet 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 | Worship Attendance | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY - 07/16/2017 | SUNDAY - 07/23/2017 | | | | | |

| 7:30am | TRAD | 43 | 7:30am | TRAD | 63 |
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| 9:00am | PRAISE | 96 | 9:00am | PRAISE | 101 |
| 10:15am | PRAISE | 126 | 10:15am | PRAISE | 118 |
| 11:30pm | BLENDED | 51 | 11:30pm | BLENDED | 61 |
| 6:00pm | TRAD | 35 | 6:00pm | TRAD | 42 |
| | TOTAL | 361 | | TOTAL | 385 |

The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary last week were given to the glory of God.



Pastor Bolte's Bible classes are on summer break. This fall, he will be teaching three classes that you are invited and encouraged to attend!

In Oasis on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, he will be teaching the Book of Revelation. "Oasis" is the name of our educational focus on Wednesday evenings Wednesday Night Bible Study where we have classes for everyone in your family including confirmation



classes for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our Youth also meet that night. OASIS is a major emphasis of our congregation. The faithful servants of the OASIS Café also have food available for a small price.

Tuesday @ 11am

is a class that will be studying the Book of Romans in the Adult classroom. If you are available during the day, why not make Bible study once a week a part of it?



7:00am Tuesday mornings

for 30 minutes with the school faculty, you are welcome to join us as we take a look at the Book of I Corinthians! The class is abbreviated, but the class

a Lutheran school for all

notes are thorough. At Trinity, we strive to be biblically literate and doctrinally sound disciples. Jesus commands us to study His Word so that we can learn to obey everything He has taught us (Matt 28:18-20). PLAN NOW AND COME AND JOIN US IN BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL!

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

We will break for the summer and resume our study in mid-September, using "A 💽 Man Named Martin" Part 2: The Moment, on the teachings and traditions that sparked the Protestant Reformation. We

thank our leader Karen Frusti for continuing to guide our studies. If you have any questions call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Study Leader Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268. All women are welcome to attend.

SUMMER STUFF

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

- 8:45am (Room 301) Adult Bible Study w/ Pr. Les Self
- "Potpourri" •
- No, not the smelly stuff, just a good solid mix of Scripture texts and topics to get your senses stoked and to stimulate your faith walk.
- See you there!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

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

Friday Parenting Group - Every Friday! 8:30am -10:30am Free childcare!

We will meet all summer long in Room 301! Come where others understand the toughest job you will ever love! Come to grow as a mom! Be empowered by God's Word! Come and enjoy! NOTE: We will be off Jun 16th for VBS. Contact Ruth Fisher to let her know you are coming and reserve a spot for free childcare. (<u>480-235-1473</u> or <u>rfisher@trinitylcs.org</u>)

May/early June we are pondering how to teach character, responsibility & perseverance. BONUS: Starting Jun 23rd, we will be enjoying the video series, HOODWINKED - Ten Myths Moms Believe – Informative and Fun!

Men of Faith--New Men's Group!

This group will be a study and **men of** serving group that will meet for one hour on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Adult classroom off of the sanctuary. We will be reading through Martin Luther's

Large Catechism. It's a good opportunity to study the Word, to serve, and to meet other Christian men of faith! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. PROVERBS 27:17





A.M.O.S. (A Ministry Of Seniors)

- Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month 11:00am - 2:00pm
- Next meeting is **August 09**
- Bring a sack lunch and join us in a short Bible study, Christian fellowship and games. All seniors welcome!

ANGEL TREE

is collecting fabric Christmas ribbon (1"-3" wide), Christmas print fabric remnants, and burlap (ribbon and remnants). Please drop off in the collection boxes located in the entry to the FLC and the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted through the end of August. Thanks!

VISITORS - Welcome to Trinity!

I would love to meet each and every one of you! If you have questions about Trinity, our faith, the Bible, Jesus, or why we do the things we do, I would be happy to get together or chat on the phone. You can reach me at <u>480-235-1473</u> or <u>rfisher@trinitylcs.org</u>. **Deaconess Ruth Fisher** Director of Family Life

MOMS

Are you wanting to connect with other moms?! Try our Friday Parenting Group for a fun, safe place to relax with other moms at 8:30am – 10:30am. Drop by anytime! Room 301 for moms. Room 103 for children. Free childcare! Contact Ruth Fisher to reserve childcare 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org.

Upcoming LWML Events!

- "Let's Do Lunch" Saturday, Aug 19th 1 PM at Eagle's Nest in Pebble Creek. (RSVP to Val Severino 623-907-9646)
- Fall Start-up POT-LUCK! Saturday, Sep 16, 1 PM Room 301. Bring a dish to share, bring a friend, bring your Mites! To God be the Glory!

BAPTISM – God's miracle in your life!

If you are interested in information about baptism for you or your children, Ruth Fisher would love to talk to you! You can reach her at 480-235-1473 or rfisher@trinitylcs.org. There is no cost. This is a free gift that Jesus Himself wants you to have! Matthew 28:19-20.

Handbell Meeting

Monday, Aug 7 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Join us if you are a new or old ringer or just interested in the choir! No experience is necessary. Bring your calendars. Contact Juliann at idolge@trinitylcs.org with any questions.

A new Flower Chart

is available on the welcome center in the Sanctuary, and the greeters' table in the Family Life Center. The check of \$35 should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran church. Please mention FLOWERS on the memo line.







2016-2017 & 2017-2018 Sunday School Teacher/Helper

Fellowship, Food and Swimming "Thank You" Party on Aug 19th from 4-7pm at Starpointe Residents Club in Estrella Mountain Ranch! Please contact Laura to RSVP by August 16.

Sunday School: Age 3 thru High School

Contact Laura Nelson for info LNelson@TrinityLCS.org or call/ text 515-864-6064

- No Classes -- Summer Break
- Back in Session on Sept. 10th
- Registration will open on Aug. 6th

Jr. Youth 5th - 8th Grades

Contact Laura Nelson for info Inelson@trinitylcs.org_or call or text 515-864-6064

- OASIS (Confirmation)
 - No Classes -- Summer Break
 - 0 Classes start back up on Sept. 6th

GET READY for a LOCK OUT!

- Who: 2017-2018 5th-8th graders + friends
- What: It's a LOCK OUT instead of a LOCK IN. We'll spend the whole evening hanging out with the ALL our NEWEST JR Youth groupies and leaders!
- Where: Main Event in Avondale
- When: August 11, 7pm-11:30pm

Sr. Youth High School Age

Contact Laura Nelson for info Inelson@trinitylcs.org or call or text <u>515-864-6064</u>

- OASIS 8th Grade and High School Bible Study
 - No Classes -- Summer Break
 - We'll start meeting again on Sept. 6th

Misc. SR Youth Shenanigans

- Aug 13: Sunday FUNday
- Aug 26: Mountain-A-Month: North Rainbow Valley
- Aug 26: Swimming and BBQ at Z&L's new digs
- Aug 27: NO Sunday FUNday -- we'll see you on the 26th!

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!

Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting

For parents of 5th- 8th grade students Wednesday, Aug 30th at 6:30pm



MISSION

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Sierra Leone! I hope you are all doing well! Here is my first newsletter as a resident of Sierra Leone! Please feel free to email me back with any comments or questions! I have experienced so much the last month and a half, and I couldn't write it all down, but I hope this gives you a view into my life here. Happy reading!

July Newsletter (https://goo.gl/b4c3b8)

Let me know if you have any prayer requests. Blessings on the rest of your summer!

In Christ, Amy Formella LBT Translation Advisor Mende Old Testament Translation Project Sierra Leone Acts 2:11 "...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"'

Mission Moment

Think about what Jesus means to you!

1. Can you put it in a sentence or two? How about a couple of words? Think of it as a starter sentence - to start a conversation. It does not need to be a complete explanation of Jesus yet.

2. Talk about it with family around the dinner table or in the car, or with Christian friends. Start the conversation with "I have been thinking about how to describe what Jesus means to me. One word I would use is HOPE. Jesus is my hope! Hope and help each day and hope forever! What do you think about Jesus? What does Jesus mean to you?"

3. When a person shares, ask them: Tell me more about why you picked that word. Whether they believe in God or not, you have just opened a conversation. Don't argue. Listen. You have just opened a path for more faith exploration!

4. Tell someone else what Jesus means to you!

What Lutherans Teach about Good Works

Lutherans teach that, while good works cannot justify a man in the sight of God or merit God's grace and favor good works are commanded by God in the Holy Scripture (Rom. 3:10-20, 28, 31; 10:4; 12:1-2; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14; Psalm 119:1-5, 35). Good works are those things a child of God does, speaks, or thinks which are in accord with God's commandments, are for the glory of God and the benefit of his neighbor, and are motivated by love for God and neighbor (Psalm 119:9, 133; Psalm 19:14; Prov. 12:5; Rom. 13:8-10; I Cor. 10:31; 13:1-3; Luke 10:25-37). Lutherans also teach that no man can perform such works unless he first has faith in Christ as Savior and is regenerated by the Holy Ghost (John 15:1-5; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-8). Good works of believers are acceptable in God's sight only for Christ's sake-because God, for the sake of Christ's innocent sufferings and death, pardons the sins and impure motives of His children (Isaiah 64:6; I John 1:7ff).

June 2017 Period 12 – Year End Financial facts.

It's hard to believe the fiscal year is already over. Below are the financial facts for 2016-2017 fiscal year.

- Total Revenue for the year was \$2.82m (18k short of projection)
- Total Expenses for the period \$2.71m (\$135k lower than projected Only non-discretionary spending was allowed)
- Net Revenue for the year was \$116k, with a balanced budget these dollars contribute directly to our cash position for the next fiscal year.
- Capital Fund contributions for the year was \$60,291.
- 2016-17 Enrollment Status.
 - Elementary ended the school year at 164 enrolled (94% of 2016-17 target)
 - Preschool ended the school year at 198 enrolled (Over 100% of 2016-17 target)

I have truly been blessed to serve as your treasurer for the past 7 years. God has been good to our congregation and I know he will continue to watch over us as Don Buth takes the reins as treasurer.

Jm Mahon treasurer@trinitylcs.org

Bible Verse Word Search

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Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

(One letter words are not used. If a word is used in the verse more than once, it is only in the puzzle onece. Words may be down, across, backward or diagonal. Some words may overlap one another)

What Orthodox Lutherans Teach by Randall L. Moll