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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 109
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 111)
1st/2nd Grades
(Room 303)
3rd/4th Grades
(Room 403)
5th-8th Grades
(Room 402)
High School
The LIGHTLounge

(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--

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ADVENT - 12/05/2017

SUNDAY - 12/03/2017

7:00pm	60
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7:30am	TRAD	97
9:00am	PRAISE	116
10:15am	PRAISE	269
11:30pm	BLENDED	86
6:00pm	TRAD	45
TOTAL		613



STUDY

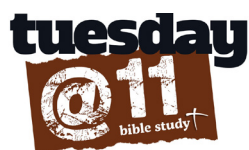
YOU ARE INVITED TO STUDY GOD'S HOLY WORD WITH US AS WE STRIVE TO BE BIBLICALLY LITERATE, DOCTRINALLY SOUND DISCIPLES. PASTOR BOLTE WILL BE TEACHING 5 BIBLE STUDIES THIS FALL:

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

This class is held during the OASIS time slot on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm. Using fantastic, graphic images from the Old Testament, the Lord reveals the how His People will be kept safe through the dangerous Last Days. Revelation gives us a Christian worldview and great comfort as we live each day in these End Times before Jesus' return on the Last Day.

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

This class will be held on Tuesdays@11am. Martin Luther called Romans "the chief book in the New Testament and the purest Gospel." It is the New Testament's most thorough teaching on salvation and the Christian life. If you are free for an hour on Tuesday mornings, why not make this part of your weekly routine? Come and join us as we study God's Holy Word!



THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS

This class is held on Tuesday mornings from 7-7:30am. This is primarily a Trinity Lutheran School faculty Bible study, but if you want to join us, you are welcome! The class is abbreviated, and moves quickly. Class notes will be provided so that you can continue to study at home in more depth and with more time.

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

We will be hosting a 7 week new member class this spring. We will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. This class is the route to membership here at Trinity. It is a concise review of the key doctrines of the Christian faith and a good chance to meet new people! Childcare is provided. Register online at <http://www.trinitylcs.org/about-us/new-members/> or contact Andi at amcdonald@Trinitylcs.org.

MEN OF FAITH--NEW MEN'S GROUP!

This men's group is designed to form Christian friendships, to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord), and to serve the congregation. We are studying Luther's Large Catechism; you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meet **Tuesdays at 6:30pm!**

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A Man Named Martin Part 2: The Moment. This study examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation. All women are invited to join us for study, growth and fellowship on the **1st and 3rd Mondays each month** at 7pm at Karen Onstad's home. For more info call her at [623-935-4589](tel:623-935-4589) or Leader Karen Frusti at [602-828-2268](tel:602-828-2268).

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- 8:45am (Room 301) **Adult Bible Study** w/ Pr. Les Self
- A Man Named Martin: Part 3**
- we are studying how God was at work in the Reformation, in the lives of the men and women that shaped it, and in the societal transformations that resulted.
- Everyone is invited to participate in this class.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- 10:15am (Room 301) **Adult Bible Study** w/ Suzanne Suarez
- The Book of Revelation**
- We will be using "Journey Through God's Word."

FRIDAY PARENTING GROUP

Fridays 8:30am -10:30am Free childcare! We are diving into Jim Daly's book *When Parenting Isn't Perfect* from Focus on the Family. Contact Ruth Fisher to reserve a spot for free childcare. ([480-235-1473](tel:480-235-1473) or rfisher@trinitylcs.org)



NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE

Beginning Jan 7, 2018, we will no longer be using grape juice as an option in Holy Communion, but **instead** will be using non-alcoholic wine. This wine contains less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol (<0.5%) and more closely follows our Lord's words, actions and intentions in His Sacrament of the Altar. If this change will be affecting you, please see the article titled "The Lord's Supper and Alcohol-Removed Wines" found on the information centers; also, see the LCMS document online, "Theology And Practice Of The Lord's Supper". You are also invited to schedule a time to talk this over with Pastor Bolte. Our desire in making this change is to be as faithful to the words of the Lord as possible in these **exceptional** cases.



ADULTS

SAVE THE DATE!

For the event of the century! Ada Bundschuh's children are inviting you to her **100th** birthday celebration! So, clear your calendar for Thursday, Dec 28th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm here at Trinity in the Family Life Center. RSVPs to Ada or the church office are appreciated by Nov 22. ****Please no gifts.**

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY

- Advent Worship**
 - Tue, Dec 12**, 19 @7pm
 - LWML light suppers @5:30pm in Little Lambs
 - Hymn sing @6:45
- Christmas Eve morning worship**
 - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am all in main sanctuary
- Christmas Eve evening worship**
 - 3:30pm, 4:45pm, 6pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm in Family Life Center
 - 9:45pm, 11pm in main sanctuary
- Christmas morning worship**
 - 9am main sanctuary

LWML

- Dec 16 1pm - 3pm Christmas Party and Caroling at Estrella Care Center**

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for the next quarter are available at the information center.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

You are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17 at 7:15 p.m. This is your opportunity to remember loved ones who are now with Jesus. The service is designed to be quiet and reflective. Join us as we worship the newborn King and be encouraged with scripture and familiar carols. A special time to remember and private prayer time with Pastor Bolte is included in the service. RSVP is appreciated. jreynolds@trinitylcs.org [623-523-1158](tel:623-523-1158)

A.M.O.S. (A MINISTRY OF SENIORS)

- FOR AGES 55 AND OLDER
- A.M.O.S. meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.
 - Our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec 13 is our Christmas Potluck! 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. in Room 301. Bring a dish.**
 - We will NOT meet Dec 27**

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Trees are up and decorated with tags for those in need at Christmas. Angel Tree supports Head Start, New Life Foundation, and many families within the Trinity Community or known to church members who are in need. Angel Tree includes a story book about Jesus' birth with each gift for children 10 and under - this may be their very first exposure to the Savior—a wonderful gift indeed! Did you know Trinity Angel Tree is the exclusive provider of underwear, bras, and socks for New Life Foundation? You may notice all of the New Life tags ask for these items. Other organizations provide toys for the children, but the greatest need is often the most basic.

Gifts should be returned to the Angel Tree by **TODAY**. No time to shop? Let the Angel Tree Committee shop for you. Envelopes for donations are also on the tree. Place your donation in the envelope and put it in the box provided near the tree. Thanks for being part of the Trinity Angel Tree blessing to those in need at Christmas!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE

Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the church narthex and outside the Family Life Center. Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and ensuring proper donation credit. If you would like envelopes but have not signed up for them, contact Cindy Hansen in the business office chansen@trinitylcs.org or call [623-935-4665](tel:623-935-4665) ext 215.



YOUTH/FAMILIES

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES AND CONFIRMATION

will continue on Wednesday nights **Dec 6 and 13** at 6:30pm. Classes will **NOT** meet **Dec 20 and 27**.

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)

- Christmas Break Reminder: NO Class on Dec 24th**
- PRAISE TIME – Praising God in Song!**
 - Preschool through 2nd grade - in Sanctuary
 - 10:15 am – Sign-in at Sanctuary bldg - church
 - 10:30am – 11:15am – Bible Lessons in classrooms
 - Parents pick up from classrooms
- 3/4th grade, JR Youth (5th-8th grade), & High School**
 - 10:15am – Gather in their own classrooms for great Bible discussions with teachers and friends
- 3yrs-Kinder: Judy Bodnar & Jen Dalton, preschool room 11**
- 1st/2nd: Karen Shanafelt & Anna Fisher, room 303**
- 3rd/4th: Sandi Simon & K. Leigh Casey, room 403**
- JR Youth (5th-8th grade): Jodi Hamill, room 402**
- Lesson 13: Esther (Book of Esther)**
- High School: Lindsay & Travis Guiney, The LIGHT Lounge**
 - HS Class: continue to learn what it means to a biblical foundation for leadership in their friendships, youth group, and here at Trinity!

JR. YOUTH 5TH - 8TH GRADES

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- **OASIS (Confirmation)**
- **Christmas Break Reminder: NO Class on Dec. 24th**
- **Christmas Break Reminder: NO class Dec 20 or 27**
 - Larry Billar - 5th Grade - Room 502
 - Bruce Rogers - 6th Grade - Room 504
 - Ruth Fisher - JR Confirmation - Room 602
 - Vince Owen - SR Confirmation - Room 301



TRINITY'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Singing and Non-Narrator Practices

- **Monday Dec 11**, 6:00-7:45pm
1st-8th, Meet in the Gym
- **Wednesday Dec 13**, 6:30-7:45pm
1st-4th, Sign-in/out in OASIS classroom as usual
- **Sunday Dec 10, and 17**, 11:30-12:30

Everyone – Full Practice. Meet in the Gym, snack provided
It was a night that no one would forget. On **Dec 24** at the 3:30 & 4:45pm services, our skit will share the traditional Christmas Story, starting with the scriptures prophesying the coming of the Messiah and continuing through the birth of Jesus. Much of the narration and dialogue is taken directly from the Holy Scriptures; as such it represents the events of the first Christmas as taken from “The Book”: The Word of God – The HOLY BIBLE. Questions? Please contact Laura Nelson at [623-935-4665](tel:623-935-4665) ext.217

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**
- **Christmas Break Reminder: NO Class Dec 20 or 27**
 - Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm
 - Meet us in the LIGHT Lounge
 - What does 1 Timothy 4:12 mean for teens today? We take daily events in your real life, and discuss together how we, in our youth, are to be an example in those situations of Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith, & Purity.

TODAY FROM 12:30-2:30PM: SUNDAY FUNDAY + CHRISTMAS PARTY

- **Who:** HS Youth + Friends
- **What:** Gift Card Gift Exchange*
- **Where:** The LIGHT Lounge
- **Wear:** Ugly or Lovely Christmas Sweaters
- **Menu:** As always, hand me \$5 and I'll make sure you get your fill of PIZZA, pop, and more!
- **BONUS:** Bring a Friend and you BOTH eat free!

*Bring a Gift Card if you'd like to participate in the exchange. \$10 limit.

MISC. SR YOUTH EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Dec. 10: Sunday SUNDAY + Christmas Party

Dec. 24: Set up Luminaries for Christmas Eve Services @ 10am

Dec. 29-Jan. 1: Camp ALOMA New Year's Retreat (All AZ Youth Event)

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!

DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS ARE BACK FOR ADVENT

- **Children & Families** --> <http://bit.ly/2z1Ya1e>
- **JR High & High School** --> <http://bit.ly/2z1WK6U>
- **Everyone else** --> <http://bit.ly/2BhCZjo>

Subscribe to the YouTube playlist(s) above of your choice and receive notifications when new Videos are posted



MISSION

YOU ARE INVITED!

Trinity's Wrap Up Hope Christmas Party! Saturday, **Dec 16th – 5pm – 7:30pm**. Gather around the Christmas tree in the courtyard for storytelling! Make an ornament to decorate the Trinity family tree and one to take home! Be jolly at Steve Bosma's Photo Stop! Chat over hot cocoa and cookies! Wrap Up Hope for the children of our Mexican Mission! We are collecting new knit hats, gloves, toy cars and plastic dolls/characters (6" or less). We will add Spanish Bible storybooks, and send the message of hope in Jesus who came to save us all! You can bring an item for the children or we will supply! Free event and wheelchair accessible! Contact Ruth Fisher for fun details: [480-235-1473](tel:480-235-1473) or rfisher@trinitylcs.org.

YOU HAVE MAIL!

From those who received Thanksgiving Box

"Dear Trinity family:

Thank you so very much for the Thanksgiving “care package” that you put together! This has been a challenging year for me, and you have no idea how much your help has meant to me. You went above and beyond, and I am touched and grateful!!
God bless you!"

"We so appreciate everyone who contributed to our box. We are thankful for it all! It made things much easier for us. "

MISSION MOMENT

Invite! Invite! Invite! Invite! Invite!

This is the time of year to invite people to holiday events and to church! SHARE THE JOY OF JESUS!

- **Bring the children next door to the Wrap Up Hope Christmas Party on Dec 16th 5pm – 7:30pm**
- **Invite a neighbor to come and chat over free hot coco and cookies at the Wrap Up Hope Party!**
- **Invite extended families. Be sure and get a pic together at Steve's Photo Stop! Make it goofy!**
- **Invite grandparents to Children's Programs or Worship Services.**
- **Invite a lonely friend to the soup suppers and Advent Worship on Tuesdays Dec. 5, 12, 19th.**
- **Invite a co-worker or sales clerk to sit with you at church on Christmas Eve! We have worship all morning and from 3:30pm through midnight!**