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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--

SUNDAY - 12/24/1017 AM

7:30am	TRAD	72
9:00am	PRAISE	50
10:15am	PRIASE	113
11:30am	BLENDED	58
TOTAL		293

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE--

SUNDAY - 12/24/2017 PM

3:30pm	160
4:45pm	128
6:00pm	243
7:15	123
8:30	110
9:45pm	188
11:00pm	115
9:00am 12/25/2017	48
TOTAL	1115



## 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

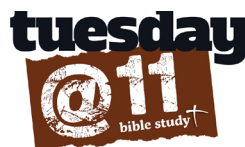
This class is held during the OASIS time slot on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm. Using fantastic, graphic images from the Old Testament, the Lord reveals the how His People will be kept safe through the dangerous Last Days. Revelation gives us a Christian worldview and great comfort as we live each day in these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



Wednesday Night Bible Study  
Living Water in the Middle of Your Week

### 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](mailto: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

Paul's letter to the Philippians, is our next study starting **Jan 15**. Paul characterizes the Christian life as joy no matter the circumstances, eagerness to suffer for Christ, humility that follows Christ in putting others first, and trust in Christ alone for righteousness. 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](mailto:rfisher@trinitylcs.org))



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## 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

### TRINITY QUILTERS

will be meeting Saturday, Jan 6 from 10am to 2pm in room 301. We will be welcoming in a new year. Bring your lunch. Bring yourself and 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).

### ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

It's hard to believe we have to take down the beautiful decorations already! The FLC "undecorating" is today right after the 10:15 service and we will take down the sanctuary decorations on Friday, Jan 6 at 6pm. I hope to see you there and can't express enough appreciation for all of your help.

### LWML

Would like to thank all who served meals before Advent services this season and all who support this ministry! Remember, it is Mite Box Sunday next week, Jan 7. Our mission this month is the LCMS International Mission which supports mission projects, and seeks to serve as an avenue to support missionaries throughout the World to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### LET'S HAVE A GOOD FIGHT!

Our latest MARRIAGE GROUP will be a type of Fight Club! Not to worry! – NO BOXING GLOVES NECESSARY! On Thursdays, starting Jan 25 from 6:30pm – 7:15pm, couples will discover how to use conflict to draw closer. Bring your sense of humor to join leaders, Vic and Holly Lozano to explore the six-week DVD/book based discussion written by Drs Les and Leslie Parrot. Free Childcare provided! Please register with Ruth Fisher at [rfisher@trinitylcs.org](mailto:rfisher@trinitylcs.org).

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S DEAF MINISTRY

wants to welcome all who are Deaf or/and Hard of Hearing to join us as we worship God together. Please join us Sundays at 9am. The service will be interpreted. Hope to see you there!

### 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 is Wednesday, Jan 10**
- **We will NOT meet Dec 27**



## YOUTH/FAMILIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL: AGE 3 THRU HIGH SCHOOL

Contact Laura Nelson for info [LNelson@TrinityLCS.org](mailto: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
  - 10:15 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**
- **!!\*New Year's Parties in OUR CLASSROOMS\*!!**
- **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

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

- **OASIS (Confirmation)**
- **Classes are back in session!**
  - 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 LEADER MEETING

- **Sunday, Jan 21st in the LIGHT Lounge at 11:30am**

### GET EXCITED!

- **Ice Skating at AZ Ice in Peoria**
- **Date & other details will be determined on Jan 17th at our Leader Meeting -- if you have any special requests, we can be bought with a few dove chocolates!!**

### SR. YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AGE

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

- **OASIS High School Bible Study**
- **Class is BACK in session**
  - Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm
  - Meet us in the LIGHT Lounge
  - NEW Topic: I Am An Echo

### WHERE ARE MANY OF TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH THIS MORNING?

Having a blast at a New Year's Retreat at Camp Aloma! Please pray for a fun, safe next couple days and drive home for Katie C., Amanda M., Hudson B., Dale W., Kyle J., Emma J., and Zack and Laura Nelson.

## CHAMP CAMP CHAMP CAMP



**LUTHERHAVEN**  
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2018 SR Youth Summer  
Servant Trip: Initial  
Meeting

**Sunday, Jan 14** at 11:30  
in the LIGHT Lounge!  
ALL interested parties,  
parents and teens --> this

will be the first meeting where we'll discuss all the ins-and-outs of our Summer 2018 Servant Event at Lutherhaven's ChampCamp. We'll also use this time together to collaborate on how we want to fundraise.

Here is some basic information to get you excited and tracking with me...

**Dates: June 22-29, 2018**

What is Champ Camp? Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. Our teens will work alongside Champ Camp campers who have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for caring servant friends during their time at camp. They'll drink up all the love you can give 'em!

**Who Can Attend?** Trinity SR Youth Ministry is inviting current 9-12th graders to be a part of our servant team going to Lutherhaven Camp in Idaho. We are limited to 24 teens for this event.

**Total ESTIMATED Cost:** \$850 (Participants are responsible for paying \$275. Fundraising will take place to cover a portion or all of the remaining costs!)

I look forward to seeing y'all soon!

### MISC. SR YOUTH EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

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

**Jan. 14: Information Meeting about our 2018 SR Youth Summer Servant Trip**

**Jan. 14: Sunday FUNday 12:30-2:30pm**

**Jan. 28: Sunday FUNday 11:30-2pm**

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!

### LAURA'S LONG LIST OF CHRISTMASTIME THANK YOUS

- **Cocoa & Caroling**
  - Thank you for the delicious cookies Froehlichs, Rupprechts, & Lohses, and thank you Ruth Fisher and Jan Reynolds for organizing who might like to hear our carolers happy (and hopefully pleasant) voices. Thank you Charlene Nichol for making up our brand new song books and leading us in our Christmas hymns along the route!
- **Luminaries**
  - Preppin': Many thankful sandy salutations to Heather Chapman & Trinity Lutheran Church and School National Junior Honor Society members
  - • Set Up/Monitoring/Cleanup: From 10am to just after midnight, Steve McDonald, Zack Nelson, and Trinity's High School Youth Group were active in ensuring that our walkways were LIT and our campus was ablaze... in a good way...MANY long houred THANKS to each of you!

### Children's Christmas Program

- Very special thanks to our kind helpers Emma Lozano & Jodi Hamill for organizing our Children's Christmas Choir queues!
- Our tummies wouldn't be half as happy without Allison Hardesty (many cookies) and Peggy & Larry Jaros (big sub sandwich - YUM!)
- Thank you, Kami Pilon for sharing your angelic voice and musical talents in practices and two performances on Christmas Eve!
- To Andi McDonald (slides), Don Buth (spotlight & sound), & Marie Keller (set design) I salute each of you and thank you for helping to support & elevate our youth led worship audibly and visually.
- • Parents, I am so very thankful to you for helping to ensure "our" kiddos were able to make it to each practice that fit your family calendars!
- • Tonya, Dale, Kayla, & all children/tweens/teens: You shared the Truth of God's perfect plan for our Savior's birth from "The Book" with many Trinity Family, Friends, and Guests. Now, let us pray that the Lord makes disciples!



## MISSION

### LOOK FOR MISSION MOMENTS!

TODAY we will have seven baptisms at Trinity in various worship services! What a joy to be in a place where God's amazing grace in Water and the Word continues to pour out and into people's lives!

Jesus is calling each of these people to himself. God used many different people in a wide variety of ways over time to share and encourage, showing His love and highlighting His grace in Jesus.

It might have been honest, caring friends that simply shared that it was Jesus that gave them hope and strength in life in normal conversations. It might have been a loving parent eager to teach their children that Jesus' saving love is the most important thing in life – indeed the only thing that lasts forever.

It might be Christian relatives or friends who faithfully help through good times and bad in the belief that Jesus' death and resurrection can redeem all. Both Trinity Lutheran Church and School staff impacted people's lives as God's Word and His love came alive to thirsty hearts.

- **How will you share Jesus' astounding life-changing love today?!**
- **Who will you tell that Jesus is YOUR Savior?**
- **Where will you serve so that Trinity continues to proclaim God's astounding grace?!**
- **What will you do to reach out to others who need to hear of Jesus?**
- **When will you invite someone to come to church with you?**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

--Ephesians 4:22-24

**Thinking of New Year's resolutions? Let God's Word be your guide!**