

The Light of Christ

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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This week in

Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



Understanding the "Sacraments"

(We are studying the Nicene Creed)
Tues@11am in Founder's Hall



How is "Son of David" a bold Messianic Title?

(We are studying the Gospel of Mark)
Wednesday@630pm in the Sanctuary

→ Come And Join Us! ←

*This is an opportunity for you to become ever more
Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound!*

Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to Study at 7pm the first and third Mondays of each month. We have begun a new study that looks at Jesus' divinity in the words He uses for Himself with I AM.

Call Karen Frusti 602.828.2268 or Pat Paulsen 623.935.1485 for additional information.

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study

Join Rev. Les Self for Adult Bible Study at 8:45am in the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts and Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

Trinity's Deaf Ministry

Led by Jeremy & Lindsey Wright, Trinity's Deaf Ministry serves the community through multiple endeavors. Jeremy provides volunteer sign language interpretation for the 9AM service and Oasis Bible study, serving Trinity's deaf members. Through them, Trinity's weekly deaf ministry video content has nearly 18,000 views since 2020.

While previously offering general sign language classes, they now focus on teaching those who wish to interpret to families in need, specifically those directly and indirectly affected by hearing loss. Even Rebecca and Athena have joined to co-teach the class. Finally, most impactfully, Lindsey conducts home visits to deaf families, shining God's light into homes where there may be no communication at all.



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. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance.

Trinity Quilters

Trinity Quilters meet on Saturday, February 1st, 10am-2pm at Marie Turkenkopf's home.

Please call Shirley Helgeson 602-316-9710 if you plan to attend and obtain Marie's address.

MEN OF FAITH

This Men's Group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord). Books are only \$20 (a steal!), and you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV. 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom. Come study with us and meet new people!

Workout and Word with Janet Sienkiewicz



Join us for two one-hour training sessions each week, combining fitness and faith! Drawing on her experience as a personal trainer, Janet will lead sessions on:

- Mondays: 2:45–3:45 PM
- Wednesdays: 7:45–8:45 AM

We plan to start the third week of February, beginning Monday, February 17.

Janet says, "Let me know if you're interested in participating by emailing JSienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org or texting (623) 341-6482. Also, please contact me if you have dumbbells you're willing to donate for the workouts. Looking forward to getting stronger together, physically and spiritually!"

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

SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar

April 4-5, 2025!

Erick Sorensen from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in an excellent study of Scripture!



Erick is an author and host of two 1517.org podcasts. This will be a Friday night / Saturday morning seminar; and it will be excellent!

Plan Now To Attend!

MARK IT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR!

More information to come!

AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend **AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors]** AMOS meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. We spend time in Bible Study, prayer, playing a spirited game of dominoes and lunch. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you in Founders Hall. *Don't forget your sack lunch!*

"God bestowed new life on us in Holy Baptism. He now comes to feed and nourish us. We cannot go back to the cross, but because the risen and ascended Christ possesses all the authority of God's Right Hand, He can and does bring the fruits of the cross to us."

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

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

JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

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!

CROSS Training!
NEW LESSONS...SAME WORD
NEW BIBLE DISCOVERIES...SAME FAITH



MARCH MADNESS

Save the date! Sunday, March 16 @1:00pm

The SR Youth are hosting a kick-off for their March Madness Bracket Challenge Fundraiser.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to support and/or join in the fun!

Free Throw Contest, Knockout Game, Three Point Shooting Contest, dribbling races.

Love Little Ones in Little Doses?

We are looking for occasional, part-time child care help! Help is needed for occasional Sunday morning backup, alternating Wednesday evenings during Oasis, and special events as they arise. Requirements include 18yrs old+, fingerprint clearance card, and CPR certification (I'll help you with the last two items). Interested? Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213 or amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)

ENDLESS NIGHT

Friday, January 31

6 PM to 8 AM (Senior Youth)

6 PM to 10 PM (Junior Youth)

Get ready for an unforgettable night filled with food, games, fun, and God's Word! Junior Youth will join us for the early evening, and Senior Youth will keep the energy going all night long!

Don't miss out—bring a friend and come ready to have a blast!

We can't wait to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

FOR

VBS

JUNE 9-13

Mark your calendars for an incredible week of fun, faith, and fellowship during Vacation Bible School the second week of June!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help plan and participate. If you'd like to join in making this event a success, please reach out:

Email: jsienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org

Text: (623) 341-6482

OASIS Bible Study & Confirmation

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm thru May. Pastor will lead the Adult Bible Study in the Church. Trinity's teens in grades 8-12 meet in the LIGHT Lounge youth room to study God's Word with Alec Gnam.

CONFIRMATION

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Senior Confirmation - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

5th/6th grades -Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Founders' Hall



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You're Invited -- Let's go!

Let's Go starts its New Year International Restaurant adventure by visiting a new restaurant and a new Cambodian cuisine. The restaurant is in the same shopping strip as Fry's Grocery Store. Should be fun! Join us Jan. 30 6:30 PM at: Apsara Asian Restaurant, 10555 W Indian School Rd, Avondale. RSVP by phone or text to Wilma Rupprecht at 630-888-4233 before January 29.

News from the LWML

Adopt a Missionary Brunch
February 16th from 8:30 - 11:30am

Prayer of the Week

God the Holy Trinity, send the Holy Spirit to us so that we may have assurance, conviction, peace, and true faith. Help us to fully trust in Christ your Son, and to believe His Holy Word. Allow us to glorify you in all we do, think, and believe. Cleanse us from doubt; guard us from temptation, and ban the evil one from our lives. We look to you as the One, True, and Only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen!

Trinity is accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 24-25 school year!

If you have a passion for working with children and youth and are interested in serving in this role, please send your resume to abeaver@trinitylcs.org

Requirements: A valid fingerprint clearance card, flexible schedule, bachelor's degree, teaching certification, and experience working with children are preferred.



Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

Rev. Dave Bolte

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LCMS Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. Maybe you are reaching the later part of earthly life and have no children. Is family inheritance still required, or expected? Might God have another plan for His resources in your life? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin discerning the right thing to do. Contact LCMS Foundation Senior Gift Counselor Brian Hyde at 209.613.2125 or brian.hyde@lfnd.org; or Harley Britton at harleyanddeb@msn.com or call the Church office 623.935.4665 to get started!

Need a New Year's resolution? How about resolving to join one of our volunteer teams?

Prayerfully consider joining one of the crews that makes worship possible each week. We need someone to help run slides for the 6pm service. Do you play the piano or organ? We could surely use your help! We would love to train people to run the sound board in the FLC. Like to sing? We have a group for you! If you'd like to try something unique, there are handbells waiting to be rung! Want a simple but necessary role in preparing for worship? The altar guild is waiting for your call. Got some extra energy and a hankering to put it to good use? How about helping set up or tear down the FLC for worship? If you have time and are looking for a resolution that will make a difference, get in touch with Juliann at the church office!

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

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