

Merry CHRISTMAS

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A NOTE ABOUT YEAR END GIVING



We here at Trinity are so thankful for all of your generous support throughout the year. We recognize that some of you may want to offer additional gifts at the end of the year. If you are considering an end-of-year gift we would encourage you to do so **by TOMORROW, December 27th**. This will ensure your gift is captured in 2021. Anything after December 27th will be captured in 2022. This is due to the holidays and our shared branch banking agreement. Thank you again for your continued support, which enables us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you have questions please contact our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext 215.

ENDOWMENT FUND!

On Dec. 5, the congregation approved the establishment of an Endowment Fund!

This fund, once it reaches a principal of \$1,000,000, will be used to support our campus, properties, missions, and special projects with its interest.



ENDOWMENT FUND

This is an important part of Trinity's financial stability for decades to come. If you would like to see the full Endowment policy, please email Pastor and he will send/print it for you.

If you have questions about it, please contact the Congregation's president at TLCPresident@TrinityLCS.org. If you would like to give to the Endowment fund with a year-end gift, please make sure it is in the Church office by **TOMORROW December 27th!**

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

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

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Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm 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 Ms. Laura.

CONFIRMATION

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm

5th grade - Andi McDonald, Founder's Hall

6th grade - Jim & Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom

7th grade - Ruth Fisher, Room 301

Mission Moment

We come to God with empty hands. We have nothing to give as sinners. Jesus fills us up with forgiveness, love, mercy, peace, and joy!

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."
by Billy Graham



There are so many empty hearts out there in the world! Pass on God's love on to them! **Are you a helper?** Tell them why you help! "Jesus has been so good to me, I want to share this with everyone!!" **Are you a good listener?** Tell your friends that Jesus always listens and can fill their empty hearts and lives. **Do you like to tell stories?** Tell others how Jesus has freed you and filled you!

Invite friends to come to be filled by Jesus!
Invite a neighbor or co-worker to church.

JUST IN CASE . . .

Looking ahead, if Covid rears up again and closes everything down, we will be communicating through email to keep you up to speed about the congregation. If you are not getting our weekly email each week now from "Trinity Lutheran Church", then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor and He will get you on the list!**

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*



Back to South Sudan

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to Concordia Lutheran Institute of the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) in Yambio, South Sudan this coming summer!

CLIHM is the name of the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan and South Sudan. This will be the first year for a brand new seminary class; they are expecting 30 students in this class!

This will be Pastor's eighth trip to South Sudan, and this year, he has been asked to teach Introduction to Christian Doctrine. Topics in this area include the Holy Trinity, Holy Scripture, Creation, the Law of God, and the Gospel of Christ.

*Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement – it is greatly appreciated.
More information to come we get closer to the trip!*

Bible Classes

BACK in session on January 5th!

See the flyer on the Information Center for all the Bible studies and information for each class. Come and study with us as we strive to be ever more Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound! Here are three of many...

- **THE BOOKS OF 1,2,3 JOHN:** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm
In 1,2,3 John, the Apostle John is writing to his congregations of the importance of remaining faithful to Christ as false teachers were trying to lure them away from the church. There are many lessons for us today!

- **THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** Tuesdays@11am
John is unique from the other Gospels; and teaches us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing, we have eternal life in His name! Come and join us as we study the Person and Work of Christ from the Gospel of John's perspective!

- **MEN OF FAITH:** Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
This Men's Group is designed to form Christian friendships, and to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord).

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month in Founder's Hall at 7pm. Our fall study is highlighting Phil. 4:8-9. For more info call Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589

Friday Parenting Group

Join us Friday mornings 8:30am – 10:30am as we share the ups & downs and funny moments of raising children! We explore the parenting tool of coming to our children's level, both physically and developmentally. We are reading *The Vine Speaks* by Cindy Steinbeck. Come and be a part of the conversations and laughter! Sign up with Ruth Fisher at RFisher@TrinityLCS.org



Thank You!

THANK YOU to all who have join us & worked together in many & various ways over the 2019 Thanksgiving, Advent, & Christmas seasons!

By working together, we glorify the Lord & serve other people. We pray that the Lord graciously blesses our work & disciples are made.

THANK YOU FOR YOU TIME, HELP, & SERVICE!

HELPING HANDS

We are looking for good cooks and compassionate volunteers who want to help others in time of crisis or illness! Right now we are building a team who can take turns providing a meal a week for someone who is recovering from surgery complications. **We welcome Kathy Loscheider as our new leader of HELPING HANDS!** She has been busy setting up our Sign Up Genius tool for organizing meals.

*Thank you, Kathy, for your kind heart!
Contact Kathy at azloscheider@msn.com.
You have to meet this sweet lady!*

Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you.

Please send your email to Pastor & He will get you on the list: DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

Newsletter Articles

To submit an article for the newsletter, email to newsletter@trinitylcs.org. The deadline for article submission is Wednesday at noon.

Thrivent Members: READ THIS!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who is eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Did you know that you can direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School? Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. A great big THANKS to all of you who direct your Choice Dollars to Trinity. We truly appreciate your support.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on 1-12-22. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*



ALEXA, TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Sadly, it is already time to start thinking about taking down our lovely decorations!

The FLC will come down after the 10:15 service on January 2. Take down of the sanctuary decorations will happen at 6:00pm on Friday, January 07.

Mark your calendars! Any help will be appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

On Break until
Sunday, January 9 • 10:15!



We love our little ones!

During Sunday worship, the Church Nursery is open to little ones 4 and under. At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At the Family Life Center, the church nursery is in Preschool Room 109.

Offering Envelopes

The new 2022 Offering Envelopes are here.

For those of you that expressed to us that you wanted to continue using envelopes, they are available for you to pick-up at all services. We made a few changes to the envelopes for the upcoming year. Your offerings will now be associated with your name instead of an envelope number. Please be sure to put your name on the outside of the new envelopes, especially for cash offerings. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam in the Business Office at ATHursam@TrinityLCS.org or 623-935-4665 ext. 215



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
is cordially invited to attend

**The Official Opening and Dedication Service of
The Orphan Grain Train Phoenix Warehouse**
at 1329 North 29th Avenue Suite E-15
Phoenix, AZ 85009

**On Sunday, January 9, 2022
at 2:00 pm**

Light refreshment to follow

Guest Speaker:
Jan Brewer

Former Arizona State Governor

Dedication Service by:
Rev. Ralph G. Schmidt
Director of Donor Advising
Orphan Grain Train

Please bring your donations

- Gently used clothing for children & adults
- New underwear and socks
- Medical supplies, school supplies
- Household items
- Quilts, blankets, bedding

Major crossroads: 35th Avenue and McDowell

3-minute Mingle

For the next 3 minutes seek out a visitor or a person you don't know well and talk with them, then you can go and talk with your friends.



*This seems like the kinda idea
Ms. Laura would come up with, doesn't it? *smile**

Prayer of the Week

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Christmas Savior,
We thank you for the work of salvation that you have accomplished for us, and the gifts of salvation that you so freely give to each of us in Word and Sacrament. We thank you for the people you have sent to tell us the Christmas Gospel. Send your Holy Spirit so that we may hear and believe; that we may know, believe, and confess in you as our Lord and Savior. Lord Jesus, we pray your Holy Church across the country and across the world. Grant that your Gospel may be clearly proclaimed so that many will come to know you as Lord and Savior. Amen!*

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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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