

Savior of the Nations



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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CHURCH & SCHOOL
DECEMBER 8, 2024
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JOIN US! Tuesdays during Advent

Tuesday Dec 10th and 17th
LWML Supper 5:30pm in Founders Hall
Hymn Sing at 6:45pm
Advent Services at 7:00pm

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
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm, 5th -7th grade

**Want to sing with the Praise Team and
Handbell Choir on Christmas Eve
at both the 7:00 & 8:30pm services?**

Our last two Saturday rehearsals
begin at 8am on Dec 14 and 21.
Please plan on attending
these two rehearsals.

Mandatory rehearsal
on Dec 21 at 8am with both the
Praise Team and the Handbells.

Let Juliann know you are interested
at JDolge@TrinityLCS.org so she can
put together music for you.



And just like that, it's Advent!

That means our Christmas celebrations are just around the corner! Christmas worship always bring many guests and visitors to our campus to hear the Christmas Gospel. We try hard to make these Gospel events warm and welcoming with spaces to grab a little something sweet to eat and warm to drink where people can spend a few minutes catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

To make that happen, we need your help!

If you are able to include a little extra time here and/or there this year, please:

- email Andi (amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)
- call me (623.935.4665 ext 213)
- send up a smoke signal (:
- www.TrinityLCS.org/Christmas-Eve-Hospitality/
- or scan this code to sign up for an area and time that you are available for.



**Be a part of this special
Trinity tradition!**

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 will not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, do you want to learn to quilt or tie a blanket for charity? Call Shirley Helgeson 602-316-9710 or Marie Turkenkopf 623-696-6500 for additional information.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 15th – 7:15 pm

YOU ARE INVITED to remember your loved ones who are now with Jesus. This Christmas worship service will be in a quiet setting with a special time included for individual remembrance. Join us and be encouraged with scripture and song and take a special gift home. Please RSVP with Jan. jreynolds@trinitylcs.org 623.523.1158

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Your estate plan can enable you to express your Christian faith. Around the holidays, we do not want to become morbid, discussing topics that are difficult. But if the opportunity presents itself, consider sharing with family your confidence about care for your body at life's end, or the joy in your heart about directing God's things through your estate plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you talk through what you want to share. 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!

The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex of both the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center. If you would like envelopes, but have not signed up for them please contact Amy Thursam at athursam@trinitylcs.org Envelopes are helpful in streamlining the counting process and assuring proper donation credit. When writing a check use black or navy ink (no colored ink). Please remember your envelopes are associated with your name, please write your name on all envelopes. *Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church. Many Blessings to you and your families.*

News from the LWML

Advent Soup Supper in Founders Hall
Sponsored by Ladies of the LWML

•Dec. 10 & 17 at 5:30

7 PM Advent Service

Hope to see you all there!

• TODAY is Mite Box Sunday. The next Mite Box Sundays will be Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th and Mar. 9th

• Dec. 21st. 12:30pm, LWML Pot Luck, Stocking mites, and Caroling at the Grove. Please wear Christmas Colors. If you want to go caroling, meet at the Grove by 1:45 pm. 2655 Pebble Creek Pkwy, Goodyear, Az

• Calendar Sales are going on today after each service. We have a limited supply and they make great Christmas gifts. \$10.00 each

South Sudan: May 2025

Pastor Bolte has been asked to return to teach at the ELCSSS Seminary next spring. The students, who are currently finishing up their year-long vicarages, will return to the Seminary for their final year of classes. This will be the 10 th time that Pastor Bolte has gone to Yambio, South Sudan to teach. He will be teaching the final Dogmatic sections, which includes the End Times, heaven, and eternal life; and a general overview of all the key doctrines.

Thank you for your faithful giving and support; together we are helping to train Lutheran Pastors to serve in one of the poorest, difficult, and most dangerous places on earth!



There are many ways to support Trinity Lutheran Church. Take a look!

Electronic Giving: Visit Trinitylcs.org and click on the "Giving" tab at the top of the page; scroll down to- How to Give At Trinity; click on- \$ Give Online. There are step by step instructions to help you set up your account.

Bill Pay: This is an automatic online Bill Payment Transaction through your Banking Institution to Trinity Lutheran Church. This is a free service through your bank and it alleviates the hassle of writing checks or buying stamps.

Traditional Offering Envelopes: You may participate in our traditional offering that is collected weekly at each service. Offering envelopes are available through the church office as a confidential, secure way to give that allows us to keep a record of your giving for personal and tax purposes. If you would like offering envelopes, please email Amy Thursam to request.

If you need any assistance please call our Business Manager, Amy Thursam at 623-935-4665 ext. 215.

Thank you for your support, but most importantly your prayers.

You're Invited!

The children are working hard to deliver the Good News of Christmas! Make room in your schedule and mark your calendars!

December 22, 2024 • 6:00 pm • Sanctuary



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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 monthly recognize birthdays of seniors in the Trinity community. If you have never tried **AMOS**, now is a good time. We promise good Christian fellowship, camaraderie, good humor, and fun. See you Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10AM in Founders Hall. Don't forget your sack lunch! See you all there! PS. Bring a joke.

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
4:00 PM @ CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN

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

The Angel Trees are coming BACK!

The Angel Trees will be going up in the narthex outside the sanctuary & FLC TODAY December 1. There are two ways that you can help serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas.



- The little envelopes can be used for cash, checks or gift cards. They can be returned to the box set by each Angel Tree. The most requested gift cards are for Target, Walmart, Frys and Gas cards. Cards in increments of \$25.00 or \$50.00 are the most needed. Cash and checks will be used by Angel Tree to shop for individuals whose gift tags are either not returned or not picked or last minute requests. Please make checks out to LWML and put Angel Tree in the memo section.

- The gift tags will have information for an individual you can shop for, their age and their present wish. Please return the gift UNWRAPPED (gift bags are OK) with the tag securely fastened to the gift.

All gifts need to be returned no later than 12/9 & monetary contributions please by 12/15. This will give the Angel Tree team members time to sort, shop, & return to Ruth in time for Christmas!

Questions? Contact Deaconess Ruth Fisher
RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

**Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13**

Angel Tree thanks you for supporting our mission to "Serve those in our community who are in need at Christmas."

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.

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



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

WHAT DO WE DO HERE AT TRINITY?

"...We bring the cross to sinners. Every sermon is like a basket full of life-giving fruit picked from the cross tree and passed out to everyone who hungers for grace. Every hymn and song is like a pitcher of water, filled from the fountain of the cross, taken to those fevered by evil, to slake their thirst. Every Lord's Supper is a feast of the Lamb of God, which brings the food of the cross to starving sinners that they might taste and see that the Lord is good. The church doesn't take people back to the cross but takes the cross to where people are now. On mountaintops of laughter or vales of tears. Happily married or shattered by divorce. Free or incarcerated. Moral or immoral. One day or a hundred years old. We determine to know one thing and one thing only: Jesus is the answer to every human hurt, every human failure, every human shame, every human desire. He and he alone is what the church has to offer: a crucified God for a dying humanity, a risen God who breathes life back into the world, a reigning God who wields power over creation by loving us into a state of re-creation." *Chad Bird, 2/16/23 Facebook post, from his book Upside-Down Spirituality*

Newsletter Articles

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

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, You sent Your Son Jesus, the Faithful Servant that Isaiah prophesied, to rescue not just the Jews, but the Gentiles as well. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who has brought the gospel to us during our lifetime, created and nurtured our faith, so that we can trust Your Word and believe in Your Son for eternal salvation. Work in our church, and in our own lives, to let other people know about Jesus and this good news of great joy that is for all people. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

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Bible Classes are in session!

You are invited to study God's Holy Word with us as we strive to be Biblically literate and Doctrinally sound disciples. Below are a couple Pastor-led studies...

• The Gospel of Mark

This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, in the Sanctuary. The Gospel of Mark is an action paced account of Jesus' life that focuses on His power as He works miracles to confirm that His Word is true. Learning the teachings of Jesus is a lifelong venture; this is an opportunity to continue learning!

• 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@ 6:30pm in the Adult Classroom.

Bring your Bible, Pastor will provide class notes for you. It doesn't matter what your knowledge of Scripture is; and you do not have to talk if you don't want to! If you need a Bible, Pastor will give you one for free! The important thing is to study God's Holy Word! Come study with us and meet new people! If you have any questions, please talk to or email Pastor at dbolte@trinitylcs.org.

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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