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Don't Expect Miracles!

LWML Missionary Brunch TODAY

February 23 • 8:30-11:30am in Founders Hall. Join us in supporting Pastor Bolte's mission trip to Sudan and other missionaries. All are welcome!

This week in

Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



Why is "Ecclesiastes" such a fascinating book of the Bible? (We are studying King Solomon's book "Ecclesiastes")

Tues@11am in Founder's Hall



Why do the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?

(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!

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In supporting ministries, there is always the need of "today" versus the needs of the "future". Which should you choose? Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both.

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!

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.

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.

Let's go!

Let's Go is going romantic in February. Mark your calendar, February 27, at 6:30 PM and wind up the taste buds for a visit to: Bella Luna Restorante

14175 W Indian School Road (Goodyear) Just west of the church off Litchfield Road

RSVP by phone or text message to Wilma Rupprecht at 630-888-4233 before February 26. Should be fun!!

AMOS

Calling ALL seniors to attend AMOS [A Ministry Of Seniors] SENIOR: Definition: a person older than another. Trinity's ministry to 'people who are older than another' is called AMOS. AMOS will meet, Wednesday, 2/26/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch and a friend.



Workout and Word with **Janet Sienkiewicz**

Join us for two one-hour training sessions each week, combining fitness & 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

Janet says, "Let me know if you're interested in participating by emailing JSienkiewicz@trinitylcs.org or texting (623) 341-6482.

Newsletter Articles

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

Valley Lutheran High School



Join our growing dynamic ministry team!

We're hiring for the following 2025-26 school year positions:

- Admissions & Marketing Director
- Math Teacher



Learning, Serving, Sharing Christ

CONTACT TIM GAST TGAST@VLHS.ORG 602-230-1600 X118



SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 4-5, 2025

Sharing the faith can be intimidating. What if I say something wrong? What if I don't know the answers to their objections? How would I even get the conversation started? Pastor Erick Sorensen spent years talking to strangers about the gospel as a church planter in NYC and, he's coming to share some tips he learned so that



you too can share a cup of coffee with skeptics and share the gospel.

Tickets are available on Trinity's website at www.trinitylcs.org (follow the link on the picture). Tickets will be available on Sunday, February 15th if you prefer to purchase in person. Ticket sales will be available to Trinity members and friends only until March 10th when we will open registration to other circuit congregations.

For \$25/person, tickets include a wine and cheese reception Friday evening from 6pm - 7pm, Session 1 from 7pm until 8pm. Breakfast and juice bar Saturday morning from 8am - 9am, Sessions 2, 3, and 4 from 9am until noon and catered lunch at noon.

Plan now to attend this special seminar and bring a friend (or two!) as Pastor Erick Sorensen leads us through this excellent Bible study.

Endowment Committee member. The first step in the If this is something you want to, contact Pastor Bolte

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Somebody Got the Wiggles?

While we love little ones in worship with us, sometimes they just need a change of scenery. Child care is available for children 3 and under at all morning services and for other events as well (Oasis, BASICS, etc), just give us a heads up, and we'll schedule it! Contact Andi (623.935.4665 ext 213 or amcdonald@trinitylcs.org)





CONCORDIA HANDBELLS in CONCERT

FEBRUARY 27 | 7:00PM Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix AZ

FEBRUARY 28 | 7:00PM Life in Christ, Peoria AZ

MARCH 1 | 4:00PM Handbell Festival Concert at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, Paradise Valley AZ

MARCH 2 2:00PM Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Chandler AZ

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Tuesday, February 25 @11am

On Feb 25, we are starting a new Bible study on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. This is one of King Solomon's wisdom books, as He is the "Teacher" (*=Ecclesiastes*) of Isreal. You are welcome to join us as we meet in Founder's Hall for an hour to study God's Holy Word! Bring your Bible; study notes will be provided (and if you need a Bible, Pastor will give you one for free!)

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

Prayer of the Week

Holy Spirit, we ask that you deepen our faith in Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Give us strength for each day through the Promises of Holy Scripture. Defend us from false teachers who work false miracles to deceive even the elect if that were possible. Make us skeptics of modern day miracles, and rather convicted and convinced of Your Word and Promises .Amen!

Monday Night • Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to our new study on Psalm 139 is called "I Surrender" by Donna Snow (an LWML Publication). We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday nights 6:45-8pm in Founders Hall. We hope you can join us!

FIRST AND CHIEF ARTICLE

The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, "was put to death for our trespasses and raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). He alone is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).... Inasmuch as this must be believed and cannot be obtained or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that such faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3, "For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law" (Rom. 3:28), and again, "that he [God] himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). Nothing in this article can be given up or compromised, even if heaven and earth and things temporal should be destroyed.... On this article rests all that we teach and practice against the pope, the devil, and the world. Therefore we must be quite certain and have no doubts about it. The Book of Concord, Smalcald Article, II.i





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



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.



Trinity Lutheran Church CHRIST-CENTERED . BIBLE-BASED . FAMILY-FOCUSED



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



Questions about Trinity School?

Astraea Rohloff Principal ARohloff@TrinityLCS.org Heather Chapman Early Childhood Director HChapman@TrinityLCS.org

Meet Some of Our Staff

Rev. Dave Bolte Senior Pastor DBolte@TrinityLCS.org

Juliann Dolge Director of Music JDolge@TrinityLCS.org Andi McDonald Ministry Coordinator AMcDonald@TrinityLCS.org Janet Sienkiewicz Director of Families, Youth, and Children JSienkiewicz@TrinityLCS.org



New Member Class: BASICS

Our next New Member Class will be running from March 2 – April 6 ! This 6-week class meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:30–5:30pm in the Adult Classroom. 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! Please RSVP with Pastor (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) or Andi (amcdonald@trinitylcs.org) if you plan to attend so we can make sure to have enough resources on hand!

NICENE CREED Self-Study?

Want to study the Nicene Creed on your own? There are several extra workbooks from Pastor Bolte's class available at the information counter! Feel free to take one if you can use it!

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

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



Requirements include: bachelor's degree, valid fingerprint clearance card, flexible schedule, and teaching cert.

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 School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665