FEBRUARY 5, 2023 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 830 E. PLAZA CIRCLE LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ 85340 623.935.4665 WWW.TRINITYLCS.ORG

PSALM 95:1

COME LET US

Bible Classes

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 is a NEW one to jump into... • NEW OASIS CLASS STARTING!

Pastor Bolte's class has finished Galatians; and now will be moving to a study called "Understanding Denominations". This is a great time to start getting into a Bible study! Come and join us on 630pm every Wednesday night in the Sanctuary. If you are new to Oasis, and plan to come, please let Pastor know so he prints enough resources for you!

The Importance Of The Book Of Concord

The Lutheran Confessions (that is, the Book of Concord) never takes the place of the Bible. Rather, they distinguish between What the Bible teaches and the false teachings of others, which undermine the use of God's word. They give Christians a common voice to confess their faith to the world. Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions, p.12 [slightly adapted] *Men, come and join us on Tuesdays @6:30pm as we study the Book of Concord!*

The AV team is looking

for people to help run the slides during our services on Sunday. We will train you! *Contact Juliann at the church office or between services on Sunday.*

KNOW THE FACTS – MAKE A PLAN

This Saturday February 11 is the DATE! Join us as we learn about and discuss the Changes in Life that occur as a person ages. "Storm Clouds on the Horizon?" They don't have to be "storm clouds" with little advance preparations.

- 1. Learn about Life Changes that are inevitable
- 2. Know where to Find Resources when it's time to make adjustments.

ALSO BEING DISCUSSED

An Overview of Wills and Power of Attorney and how the State of Arizona differs from other States.

Registration and Refreshments begin at 9:45 RSVP: jreynolds@trinitylcs.org or 623-523-1158

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 6PM

There will be NO 6pm service on February 12th. Last year, we had 9 people, 7 of those were associated with helping in the service somehow! Therefore, we will not have a 6pm service on February 12th.

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.



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.

Seminary is a 4 year program; this is their second year, and there are 19 in the class. This will be Pastor's ninth trip to South Sudan, and this year, he has been asked to teach The Gospel of John and to review the Doctrines of the Church. *Thank you for your ongoing support and* encouragement – it is greatly appreciated.

More information to come we get closer to the trip!



Let's Go!

Italy is the next stop for the Let's Go, International Dinner event. Our journey takes us to a quaint, family owned and cozy restaurant in Old Avondale. 'The Pasta Factory' has excellent reviews and a wonderful atmosphere for a great evening with your Trinity friends. So, set aside, Thursday, February 23, 6:30 PM for an evening of fellowship and good eating. The Pasta Factory, 701 E Western Avenue, Avondale AZ 85323. 6:30 PM prompt. The location is off Dysart Rd, just before 85 in Avondale.

Wellwood's New Address

Bob, Marie, and Jen have arrived safely in Iowa and are getting settled in. If you want to drop them a card, here is their new address:

> 628 3rd Street NW Bondurant, IA 50035

"There is no such thing as standing still in Christianity. Whether a believer marches forward or merely marks time depends much on his connection with God's Word. God's deep truths are not revealed to the casual, careless reader but to the careful, constant one. Regardless of how hectic our life is or how fast each day flies by, we need to find regular opportunity for serious Bible study." Hebrews, R.E. Lauersdorf, PBC, p.54

Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Bible Study

The Gospel according to St. Luke will be studied with Rev. Les Self as the leader. In the Founders Hall across from the Sanctuary. Coffee, donuts & Christian community abundantly offered. All are welcome.

CROSS Training for Parents & Adults!

Sundays at 10:15am, ADULT CROSS TRAINING meets in the **Board Room** in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** leading. Adults study the same stories as the children to encourage family faith sharing! (Questions? Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON BE PREPARED AND EAGER TO LEARN

Arrive at church with a teachable spirit ready and eager to learn about God, His Word, and your Christian faith and life. A sermon is both proclamation of the Gospel and education in the Christian faith. There is always something you can learn and grow from in a sermon. Discipline yourself to listen. **Arrive at church eager to learn.**

SPLASHING WITH JOY OVER BAPTISM!

One of my joys here at Trinity is to talk with families and individuals about baptism! What a miracle God

has prepared for us! I would love to answer any questions you or a friend has about baptism!

Not sure how to talk to someone else about God's gift of baptism? Let's chat and maybe I can give you ideas. Call me:

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Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

Join Us! We are studying the book of Psalms on the first and third **Mondays at 7 pm in Founders Hall.** All women are welcome and invited to join! *For more information call Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589 or Karen Frusti at 602-828-2268.*

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank You for making us Your people and caring for us as Your flock through faith in Your Son Jesus. Help us to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, with great joy and celebration. Guard us from hard hearts that would turn away from You and stay away from worship. Renew us in faith so that we may always come before you and bow down and worship and kneel before you as our Lord and maker. we pray this in Jesus' Name, amen!

Want to serve on the Board of Elders?

We have openings on the Board of Elders! This is a 2-year term that will be elected at the congregation meeting on June 4, 2023. If you are interested in serving and want more details, please see/email Pastor Bolte (DBolte@tTinityLCS.org). We will set up a meeting to go over the work of the Elders!

Offering Envelope

If you did not receive Offering Envelopes, but would like to have a set, please contact our Business Office at AThursam@TrinityLCS.org



Thank you again for your financial support

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome at worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday worship services! At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.

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 com-mand 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

Two Notes from our LWML

Save the dates

February 18th LWML meeting at 1 PM, in Founders Hall, all ladies invited.

February 19th Missionary Brunch Fundraiser 8:30am to 11:30 am in Founders Hall. Sponsored by LWML.

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on February 8 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

New Member Class is scheduled!

February 26 - April 2 **B.A.S.I.C.S** is a 6-week Bible study that includes the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church. It is the route to Membership here at Trinity.

The Spring classes will meet on Sunday evenings, Feb. 26 - April 2. We will meet from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

You can register on line at www.TrinityLCS.org Look for Info Center > New Members at the top of the page.

For questions or if you will need Child Care, please contact Jan Reynolds at jreynolds@trinitylcs.org

Death of a Christian

Because of our baptism into the living, life giving body of Jesus, the Christian view of death is also radically different from that of the world. Disciples of Jesus die long before they die. Paul expresses it this way: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4)... Baptism is therefore our major death, major burial, and major funeral in life. It is "major" in two ways. One, by baptism the father deals with all our major

problems: sin, death, shame, guilt, alienation, condemnation. Two, Baptism gives us no minor gift but the major gift of new life, new peace, New Hope, all in Jesus our Lord. . .Our physical death, therefore, which seems like The End to the world, is simply a minor portal through which we leave this visible world to be with Christ in Paradise, Where we will await "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). *Limping with God, Chad Bird, p. 155*

OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm thru May 10. 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. **Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion! CONFIRMATION**

Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

8th grade - Pastor Bolte, Adult Classroom Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:45pm

5th & 6th grade – Charlene Nichol, Adult Classroom 7th grade – Ruth Fisher, Room 404





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JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!

3s-Kinder: Julie & Daniel Dodson and Elli Guiney, Marshall Cantrell, & Ms. Laura (Room 106)
1-3-grade: Zack Nelson (Founder's Hall)
4-6-grade: Bruce Rogers (Adult Classroom)
7-8-grade, High School/SR Youth:
Travis & Lindsey Guiney (The LIGHT Lounge)
Adults: Janet Sienkiewicz (Boardroom)

NEW UNIT! Lesson 5: THE POINTING PROPHET John Points to Jesus -- Matthew 3; John 1:29–34

> BIBLE TRUTH Jesus is the Lamb of God.

LAW & GOSPEL Sin turns me against God, and I try to earn my salvation. God's Word works in me, causing me to repent and believe in the Savior.





SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on April 21-22, 2023! Chad Bird from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in a Christological look at the Old Testament! Chad is an LCMS seminary caliber teacher who has written several books and hosts two 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 Register today at TrinityLCS.org

Questions about Trinity School?

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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 School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665