

THE PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

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This week in

Pastor Bolte's Bible Studies!



Why are the Creeds, Councils, and Canon important to us?

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



Is paying taxes Godly?

(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

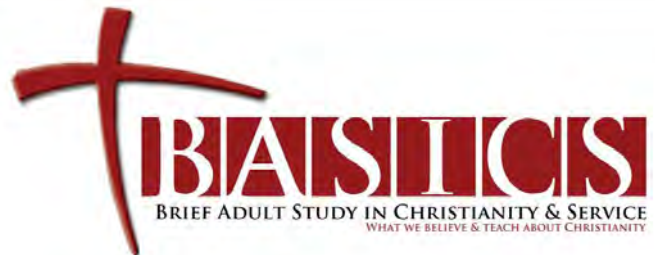
All women are invited to our new study on Psalm 139 is called "I Surrender" by Donna Snow (an LWML Publication). We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday nights 6:45-8pm in Founders Hall. We hope you can join us!

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.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please note that there will be
NO 6pm service on February 9th.



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 Andi (amcdonald@trinitylcs.org) or Pastor (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) if you plan to attend so we can make sure to have enough resources on hand!

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.

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Children are always welcome in worship! If you are concerned that your little one needs to run off energy, our Church Nursery would be happy to help during Sunday services!

At the sanctuary, the nursery is by the Lamb sign. At Family Life Center, nursery is Preschool Rm 109.



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, 2/12/25 at 10am in Founders Hall. Hope to see you all there. Bring your lunch and a friend.

WE'VE GOT
EXCITING
NEWS!!

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!

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.

Want to Serve on a Board?

We are currently looking for (1) "At-large" member for the Board of Directors, (2) new Elders, and (1) Endowment Committee member. The first step in the process is to meet with the chairman of the respective board and Pastor Bolte did discuss the position. If this is something you want to, contact Pastor Bolte and he will arrange the meeting.

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



CONCORDIA
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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

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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



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

When I am taking Holy Communion,

Here is what I am thinking...

1. This is a gracious and compassionate **Miracle** Mark 14:22
2. This is the **Real Presence**: Christ is really present in bread and wine
3. This is the **Oral, Sacramental Eating** of Christ's body and blood
4. This is a **Means of Grace**: visible, individual, actual
5. This is for the **Forgiveness** of my sins Matt 26:26-28
6. This is for **Eternal Life** John 6:51
7. This is the guarantee of **Resurrected Life** John 6:54
8. Christ **Abides** in Me and I in Him John 6:56
9. This is the **Bread of Life** from Heaven John 6:35-40
10. This is **NOT** the time to think of sins; but focus on **Grace**.
11. I am in **Fellowship** with other Christians 1 Cor 10:14-17
12. I will leave determined to live a **Holy Life**



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



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.

!!*TRIVIA*!!

Congratulations to the Trinity Cruisers who "cruised"



into the lead during the very last round of the latest Trinity Trivia event! They will go on to face the Luther's Brewmasters from December's challenge ANNND...the winners of February's winners from the 11:30/6pm worship services! Yep, if you regularly worship at 11:30 or 6pm (or you missed the other two games or you just want to come and spend the evening with those friends) mark February 22 from 6-8pm on your calendar, sign up at the Welcome Center or online at www.TrinityLCS.org/Event/Trinity-Trivia-Night/ Questions? Contact Andi on Sunday mornings, at amcdonald@trinitylcs.org, or call 623.935.4665 ext 213!



Trinity Lutheran Church

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News from the LWML

Today is Might Box Sunday
Next Mite Box Sunday 3/8/25

CHANGE OF DATE LWML Missionary Brunch will be on Sunday February 23 from 8:30-11:30 am in Founders Hall. *This is to help Pastor Bolte's trip to Sudan and for other Missionaries.*

We will meet on Feb 22 from 1-3pm in Founders Hall.

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John that teach us about your powerful miracles. Send us the Holy Spirit so that we may have the confidence, conviction, and assurance that you are God our Savior, that Your Word is trustworthy and true, and that You are loving and compassionate to each of us. We pray this to the glory of the Father, 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 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.

Questions about Trinity School?

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Meet Some of Our Staff

Rev. Dave Bolte

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Juliann Dolge

Director of Music

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LCMS Foundation

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 your life, you may have been blessed by, or involved with, multiple ministries striving to share Jesus. Should you try to support them all through your estate or focus on a few that really resonate with your heart? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can ask questions to get you aimed at that focus.

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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