

FREEDOM IN CHRIST!



JULY 23, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SUMMER SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

CROSS TRAINING SPECIAL MEETING

CROSS Training is what we call Sunday School during the 10:15 service! If you have taught with us before, or are interested in being a part of CROSS Training team, then mark down **SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH at 12:30pm** for a special lunch meeting to discuss the current status and the upcoming year! If you have any questions, please see Ruth or Pastor!

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*

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

July Let's Go

Make new and reaffirm old relationships and friendships. On Thursday, July 27 at 6:30PM, *Let's Go* is going to an award winning Vietnamese restaurant in Surprise. **Saigon Kitchen** is located at 14071 W Bell Road. Please RSVP by July 26! Call Wilma Rupprecht : 630 888 4233

LWML Gathering: A TIME TO CONNECT!

It's a Ladies Lunch for all ages & YOU are invited!

This fun get-together is for us all to get to know each other better! Meet Aug 19 from 1pm - 3pm at the Eagle's Nest in Pebble Creek (3645 N Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395) Note: Each person will choose their own meal/drink and pay for it only. **RSVP ASAP with Valerie Severino 623-907- 9646. Men invited, too -- Ask Valerie for details!**

SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a special Bible Seminar on **April 19-20, 2024!** Erick Sorensen from 1517.org will be with us to lead us in an excellent study of Scripture! Erick is an author and host of two 1517.org 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!**

More information to come in 2024!

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

CHRIST-CENTERED • BIBLE-BASED • FAMILY-FOCUSED

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Is giving to the Church new to you? Is it difficult for you to make a commitment to give to the Lord financially? Christians give to their local congregation to support the work of the Gospel in that place. We do not ask, nor would we ever expect, unbelievers to do so. But we do ask the Christians who consider Trinity their home church to give financially to support the work of the Gospel among us. If you are giving, THANK YOU for your faithfulness. If this is new, or if you are not giving, please consider starting. You can give electronically if you would like. Faithful, weekly giving supports the work among us. If you would like to talk more about it, get offering envelopes, discuss electronic giving, or have any questions, email Pastor (dbolte@trinitylcs.org) or Amy (athursam@trinitylcs.org). *Giving for the work of the Gospel is a joy!*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

We have an opening on the Board of Directors! It's a one year appointed position – perfect to “try it out” if you will! This position will be up for election at the Congregational meeting next summer. If you would like to talk about serving on the Board, please contact Pastor Bolte at dbolte@trinitylcs.org to learn about duties, responsibilities, meetings, and times.

Prayer of the Week

God the Father, we thank you for the freedom we have in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you that our salvation is not in our own hands; but completely in Yours! Help us to live holy, Godly, and decent lives in thought, word, and deed; and to glorify you in all things. We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your dear Son. Amen

Questions about Trinity School?

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AMY SCHULTZ: SHORT TERM MISSIONARY

Our own Amy Schultz is going on a LCMS short term mission trip!

She writes, “This year, I have the privilege of being a part of an LCMS International team of volunteers (from all over the United States) who will serve in the Dominican Republic, in August. Our team will prepare and lead a VBS for approximately 50 missionary kids (infant to teens!). I am so excited to serve our Lord in this way, and also represent our Church.

This will be my fourth mission with LCMS International. I thank you for your prayers. Please feel free to ask me any questions. And, for more information, here is our website: www.serveNOW.lcms.org” **God’s blessings Amy – and thank you for your service!**



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

AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets all summer long on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday’s each month. Meet us in Founder’s Hall from 10:00am-1pm. **Our next meeting will be July 26, 2023.** It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch.