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## Bible Classes are in session!

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 are two of many...

- THE BOOK OF GALATIANS This class meets during OASIS on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm, in the Sanctuary
- 1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE: This class is held on Tuesdays @11am in the Sanctuary. *Free up your schedule for an hour on Tuesday mornings, and make this part of your weekly routine! Join us as we study God's Holy Word!*

## OASIS BIBLE STUDIES & CONFIRMATION

Campus Wide Wednesday Night Bible is BACK starting September 7th from 6:30pm-7:45pm 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 Ms. Laura. Our **5th, 6th, and 7th-grade students** will dig deeper into the Christian faith. *8th grade confirmation meets on Monday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.*

## Prayers for Those in Prison

Join us in praying for those in Arizona prisons, those working there, & our prisoners Prayer Meetings. If you know someone in prison and would like for them to have the weekly sermon mailed to them, contact Ruth Fisher by email [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org) Please get permission from the person first.

## First Grade Bible Presentation



**Bible presentation is today for Trinity School children; and Sunday, October 30 at the 11:30 a.m. service for Sunday School children.**

It has been our tradition here at Trinity to give a Bible to each first grader. As they learn to read, we want them to have the most important book they will ever read: The Bible. Any first grader may participate. We will provide photos in the courtyard afterwards. **Parents:** If you have a second grader or older child has not yet received a Bible or you will be out of town that day, please talk to Ruth Fisher.

*Thank you to all our Trinity church members for generously providing these Bibles through your faithful, weekly offerings.*

**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.



## Adult CROSS Training

Starting **TODAY at 10:15am** ADULT CROSS Training will meet in the Board Room in the church office with **Janet Sienkiewicz** guiding as Elijah teaches us in God's Holy Word. Questions: Contact Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

*The Bible is not a novel to be read,  
but a sacred text to be studied!*



## Moms: This is for you!

**Friday Parenting Group is for you! Join us on Fridays at 8:30am – 10:30am** for a fun, enriching, and empowering time for women who are experiencing the crazy, heartrending and heart touching journey of mothering. Call Ruth Fisher to reserve free childcare during this parenting group at (480-235-1473) or [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org)

## AMOS = A Ministry of Seniors

AMOS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Our next AMOS meeting will be on Sept. 28 in Founder's Hall from 10am-1pm. It is a fun time of study, games, and fellowship. *Bring a sack lunch.*

## THE WORD

"Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you -- the Holy Scripture -- and no other book on earth." *Martin Luther (WA 48:155)*

**"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*

## 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*

## Trinity Lutheran Confirmation Students & Friends

**Grades 5-8 + Friends!**

**STRIKE UP SOME FUN!**  
Uptown Alley Surprise  
13525 N. Litchfield Road Surprise, AZ 85375



Join us  
**Sept. 24**

Please RSVP by September 19

Drop off at Trinity at 4pm  
Sign in with Ms. Laura

**BOWLING & LAZER TAG • 4pm-7pm**

Pick up at Uptown Alley at 7pm  
Sign out with Ms. Laura

**\$20** per person  
Includes  
• 1.5hrs of Bowling  
• Pizza + Drinks + Cookie Supper  
• \$10 Game Card  
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Contact Gale Cynova, Grand Canyon LLL DP  
at [gcynova@gmail.com](mailto:gcynova@gmail.com)  
Register today!

Register at [LHM.ORG/LLL2022](http://LHM.ORG/LLL2022)

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT 24**

2022 Harvest  
to Holiday

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Southwest Corner of  
Dysart & Indian School  
Litchfield Park

November 12th  
8 am to 2 pm

CRAFT FAIR

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\$60.00 includes 10'x10' booth space  
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**Sunday Morning-- 8:45 Adult Bible Study**

**8:45 AM Adult Bible Study meets in Founder's Hall across from the Sanctuary building.**

The topics for study for the next several months are 'The Armor of God' and 'The Sermon on the Mount'. These studies will be led by Ed Rupprecht. The Fall session will be the 'Gospel according to St. Luke' led by Rev. Les Self. Donuts, coffee and amazing fellowship guaranteed. All are welcome!

**Prepare your youth for life & Holy Communion!**

Confirmation classes are on Wed. at 6:30pm! **5th & 6th graders** will be in the **Adult Classroom** by church digging deeper into the New Testament! **7th graders** explore the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed with Ms. Ruth in **Room 404**. **8th graders** meet Mondays 6:30pm -7:30pm with Pastor as they prepare to receive Holy Communion. Call Ruth Fisher 480-235-1473 or RFisher@TrinityLCS.org

**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.7off*

**Handbells**

Trinity's Handbell Choir is looking for ringers for the Fall/Winter season. Contact Juliann at the church office with any questions. JDolge@TrinityLCS.org



**Women's Monday Night Bible Study**

Women's evening Bible Class meets the first and third Monday evenings at 7 pm in Founders Hall beginning Sept. 19 in Founders Hall. We will begin our study of Psalms. All women are invited to join us! For more information call Pat Paulson at 623-935-1485 or Karen Onstad at 623-935-4589.

**Sanctuary Choir Resumes**

Sanctuary choir resumes Tuesday night rehearsals next week! Join us on September 20 at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary to find out what's going on this season. Call Juliann at the church office with any questions.



**Prayer of the Week**

*God the Father, while we were yet sinners You send Your Son Jesus to do the work of salvation for us. We thank you for His life, death, and resurrection that has earned our eternal salvation. Send your Holy Spirit, to deepen our conviction of your grace and mercy, and to guard and protect us from thinking that we can contribute to our own salvation. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen!*

**September 'Let's Go' Fellowship Event**

We are going 'Down Under' for our next 'Let's Go' activity. The '**Outback Steakhouse**' is an Australian inspired setting where mates gather for Aussie hospitality and good eats. **The Outback** is located at: 14225 W Grand Ave, Surprise. We will start at our usual 6:30pm on September 29, the last Thursday in September. Please reserve your spot by September 28 with Wilma Rupprecht. Phone: 630 888 4233.

**Handbell Choir Resumes Sept. 26!**

Trinity's own Handbell choir will meet in the church sanctuary on **September 26 at 6:30pm** to discuss this year's plans and to start ringing! Let Juliann know if you are planning to ring this year so she can plan music.

**2022 Fall New Member Class is scheduled!**

*B.A.S.I.C.S is a 7- week Bible study that includes the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church.* The Fall classes will meet on Sunday evenings, October 16 - November 20 from 4-5:15pm. You can register online at [www.TrinityLCS.org](http://www.TrinityLCS.org). Look for the **Information Tab** at the top of the page. For questions or if you will need Child Care, please contact Jan Reynolds at JReynolds@TrinityLCS.org

**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.





# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Portals of Prayer

The Portals of Prayer for October-December are in the entryway at both places of worship.

## Are you getting emails from Pastor?

If you are not getting our weekly email each week now, then we do not have a good email address for you. **Please send your email to Pastor & he will get you on the list: [DBolte@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:DBolte@TrinityLCS.org)**

## Looking for a few helping hands!

**We would love to supply hot coffee and cold punch each Sunday morning!**



You have likely seen Ms. Ruth setting up and serving Coffee & Punch on Sunday Mornings. However, when Ms. Ruth is handling details of setup and cleanup, we are missing opportunities for meeting visitors, caring for those who are struggling, and answering questions about Trinity's many activities. If you would like to join a team to set up coffee and punch one Sunday a month or clean up once a month, please contact Ruth Fisher by phone 480-235-1573 or email [RFisher@TrinityLCS.org](mailto:RFisher@TrinityLCS.org) today!

## Questions about Trinity School?

**Astraea Rohloff**  
Principal

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**Heather Chapman**  
Early Childhood Director  
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## Meet Our Staff

**Rev. Dave Bolte**  
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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](http://TrinityLCS.org)

School: 623.935.4690 • Church: 623.935.4665

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# CROSS TRAINING

Sunday school for all ages

**JOIN US Sundays at 10:15!**

**Lesson 1: PROVIDED FOR PROPHET**  
God Provides for Elijah  
Text: 1 Kings 17

**Learner Goal:** I know God provides what I need.

**Law/Gospel:** In sin, I complain that God does not give me what I need or deserve. Through His Son, God daily supplies me with all good gifts to sustain me in body and soul.

