



# *The Trinity Truth*

January 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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## **A NEW RESOLUTION**

It is that time of year again. With a new year comes New Year Resolutions. Often times they are tied to our physical wellbeing: a diet, a workout regiment, etc. Sometimes our resolutions strive to improve our personal habits: being on time, being more patient. We may resolve to act differently toward others. And we may add some spiritual discipline to our resolutions: more time in prayer or Bible reading.

Resolutions are not bad things in and of themselves. Many people fear them because they know from experience the abysmal feeling of failure the first time a resolution is broken. If we remember the grace and forgiveness of God as we attempt to carry them out, they will not be too burdensome for us. In fact, they are positive ways for us to plan living more God pleasing lives.

With this in mind, and remembering our focus this past Advent and Christmas, I would like to invite you to join me in a special New Year's Resolution. Let's each pick out for ourselves one special person a month, identify their unique love language, and be sure we communicate God's love and ours to them in the language they best understand. Sounds easy enough, doesn't it?

It won't be that easy. The temptations to forget, to quit, to become discouraged, are great. It will take our mutual encouragement, timely reminders, and prayer to accomplish this. But, the results will be tremendous!

Imagine the change in attitudes of those who experience God's love in the special way they best understand. Imagine the growth in love of those who experiment in communicating love in differ-

ent ways.

Imagine the peace and togetherness that permeates a fellowship that is bonded by this kind of love. It is what Jesus intended: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Just a quick reminder: the Five Love Languages are: Time, Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Physical Touch, and Gift Giving. You can find them explained in detail in the book written by Dr. Gary Chapman (available to borrow from church), or from a quick internet search. You could also just call the church office, we would **LOVE** to help you out!

*Pastor Tom*



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## Angel Tree Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the children from the LCMS Hispanic missions in the Phoenix area.

Your generosity filled Amy's office and helped make Christmas brighter for 30 children!

Children and their families attend a Christmas eve service and then Santa (a.k.a. Pastor Artigas) presents them with their presents!



## Sunday School News

Children's Sunday School classes and Youth Bible study will take a break on December 25 and January 1. Classes for all ages will resume on January 8. New students (age 3-grade 8) are welcome to join us anytime during the year. Sunday school begins at 9:15AM in the Choir Room. Friends are always welcome to join us!

Thank you to all the students who were a part of this



year's Christmas program! You did a fantastic job of sharing the story of Jesus' birth and what it means for us today!

Thank you for bringing joy to the hearts of many and reminding us all of what Christmas is really about!

## Middle School Youth News

**Confirmation Classes** will resume on January 23 at 3:45PM. Classes are open to all 5th-8th graders.



All Middle School students are invited to join us for the **Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event** on **January 14 from 2:00-4:00PM**. See details below.

## Newsletter Deadline

**The deadline for the February edition of the Trinity Truth will be January 17.**



Please send articles to be included to: [newsed@tlc.phxcoxm ail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxm ail.com) or drop them off at the church office.

## Feed My Starving

Start the new year off by joining your friends from Trinity to help make a difference in the lives of children around the world. **We will be packing meals at Feed My Starving Children in Tempe on Saturday, January 14, from 2:00-4:00PM.** Car pool will leave Trinity at 1:00PM. All ages are welcome to join this event.



*Children in 4th grade or below need to have a parent join them.*

*Sign up on the poster outside of Amy's office or contact Amy by January 8, if you would like to attend!*

Invite a friend and plan to join us.

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• **Watch for information about our April outing to the Broadway Palm Theater to see, A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline.** •••••

**Help Is Needed on Saturday, Jan. 7,** to disassemble and store the outdoor Nativity and to take down the Christmas trees and other decorations around the church.

**Outdoor work will begin at 8:00AM and indoor work will begin at 9:00AM.**

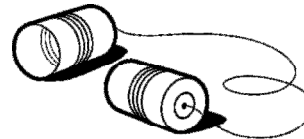
The take-down of both the Nativity and the trees takes less time than the setup. This is an easy job if we have ample help. As always, you work, we feed! Breakfast pastries and coffee will be served.



## Trinity Messenger Partners

For the last ten years we have had a communication plan with our members for church announcements, reminders and special services. Originally we had a telephone calling chain set up. In time we added email. Now we are doing only email because most members can be reached that way.

Our problem is the members without email and here is our idea. **If you DO NOT have email, please ask a church member to be your "Trinity Messenger Partner" and call you when something important is sent out that applies to you.** That way everyone at Trinity will be up-to-date on all events.



Spread the Word

Also, if you change your email address, please tell our secretary, Carolyn, or send me an email. Carolyn and I will stay in touch to keep our email address list current.

This is not the Prayer Chain. If you are not on that list and wish to be, please contact Joan Wolfe.

Lois Lucas  
trinitymessenger@aol.com

## New Altar Guild Chairpersons

Betty Blank and Jeanne Edgren have taken leadership positions in the Altar Guild.

One of the main tasks of the Altar guild is to set up for and clean up after communion services.

There is a **GREAT NEED** for help in this joyful service to the Lord (especially for the 10:30AM service).

Training is provided.

Please contact Betty or Jeanne if you are interested in helping out.



## Trinity Lutheran Leadership

**Pastor**  
Pastor Tom Daly

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Amy Heuer  
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Joanie Peterson  
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Hal Lucas  
Dave Luppess  
Bill Muehlhauser  
Corky Petersen  
Dan Peterson  
Jim Rydeen  
Elders

Kim Flower  
Dianne Immenga  
Bell & Voice Choir Directors

Lillian Meuter  
Office Volunteer

## THANK YOU!

**A big Thank You to the following who helped to set up the outdoor Nativity on Nov. 26:**

*Ray Rahn, Pete Visser, Al Immenga, Mark Rey, Roger Riggert, Dick Wade, Martin Smith, Bill Muehlhauser, Randy Bronner and his friend Deneen, Pastor Tom, Will Flower, and Matt Flower.*

## MANY THANKS!

**THANK YOU to all who helped with putting up our beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations around the building.**

The names are too numerous to mention, and we don't want to leave anyone out, so please

## YEAR IN REVIEW —THANKFULNESS

We reflect with pleasure and thanks to all of the contributions from our creative cooks and contributors who so generously support the Lenten soup suppers, Advent suppers and the weekly Sunday fellowship gatherings

The set-up went smoothly and was finished in record time. All enjoyed fellowship following the set-up along with breakfast served by Grace Kahl and Dianne Immenga.

Thanks to all who made it a successful day!

accept our heartfelt thanks en masse.

We greatly appreciate all the help we had!!

and more throughout the year. Great recipes of new creations or old favorites are enthusiastically shared.

We are thankful and blessed to be able to enjoy this special fellowship among friends.

**Thanks to all families that decorated a wreath this Christmas! They were all so beautiful!**

*At this time, you have the option of having us keep your decorated wreath and using it again next year or picking up the items you used to decorate your wreath on January 8 so you can decorate anew next year.*

Please let Amy know which you prefer.

Thanks again!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Christine Colley - Inreach Chairwoman*



***Thanks to everyone who brought holiday meal items during the months of November and December for the Extended Hands Food Bank!***

During the months of January and February, we will be showing our support of the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills by collecting cereal (especially hot cereals: oatmeal, cream of wheat, etc.)

Please bring in your donations and place them in the boxes located near both of Trinity's main entrances!

Thanks in advance for your support of this mission!





Link to online Calendar:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1J4L6M7K5K5O9L6I3>

## Lutheran Women’s Missionary League



Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 21, at 10:00AM. Please plan to join us for devotions and a short business meeting.

Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18. We will be delivering our donations of soaps, shampoos, etc... to the children at Sunshine Acres as well as getting a tour

of the facility. *All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us! Please sign up on the poster outside of Amy’s office and watch for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements and next month’s Trinity Truth.*

A very big thank you to Grace Kahl and Sherry Riggert for or-

ganizing the Women’s Christmas Gathering on December 13 and a very special thank you to Judi Little for sharing about God’s faithfulness in her life!

All who attended had a wonderful time!

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**Reminder—**  
**If you participated in the prayer mug exchange at Christmas, please remember to pray for your prayer partner.**

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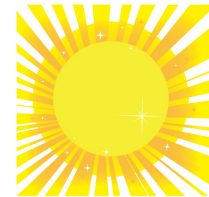
## Reaching Out with the Love of Christ Sunshine Acres

Sunshine Acres Children’s Home is located in Mesa. Since 1954, Sunshine Acres has been home to more than 1600 children. Founded by Rev. Jim and Vera Dingman, this faith mission has two basic principles: *We*

*never solicit money, or a board, or a brick and No child will ever be turned away for financial reasons.* The home is almost entirely funded by donations and their focus is the quality care of

the children and not fundraising.

**During the month of January, the LWML will be taking donations of toiletries (body wash, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, brushes, etc...) for the**



**children and youth at Sunshine Acres.**

*The LWML also hopes you will join them on February 18 for a tour of Sunshine Acres.*

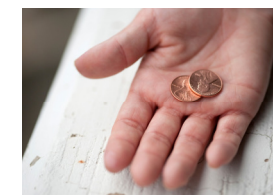
## Mission Grant Spotlight (funded by our mite collections)

**Open Arms Child Care Centers—** The LWML shows God’s love to children and families by supporting the establishment of new Word and Sacrament ministries in growing communities in the United States and by expanding child care ministry pro-

grams in existing churches, as well as developing a Christian curriculum for full-time child care ministries.

Please pray for this ministry: *Most gracious God, You have said that unless we have the faith of a little child we cannot enter Your Kingdom. We praise You for the*

*God-given faith to which You have brought many families through the witness of little children who are cared for in one of the Open Arms Child Care Centers in the United States. Bless this grant which seeks to expand this ministry to both churched and unchurched families in more congre-*



*gations as they seek guidance from Open Arms Institute, so that many more families can be touched by Your love and learn to trust and follow Jesus, in Whose name we pray, Amen.*



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A Family Friendly Church

## January Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:00AM  
Followed by Fellowship Time  
Bible Study and Children's Sunday School at 9:15AM  
Worship at 10:30AM

**Please note that on January 1, there will be only one worship service at 10:30AM.**

## Bible Studies

*Sunday Morning at 9:15AM with Pastor Tom*

*Tuesday Morning at 10:00AM with Pastor Tom*

*2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00PM Women's Bible Study*

*Thursday at 7:00PM with Pastor Tom*

*Please call (480) 837-0130 to confirm times and places.*