



The Trinity Truth

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October 2010



Reformation Month

As members of the Lutheran Church, we normally think of October as Reformation month, or as the birth date of our church. (It was on All Hallows Eve that Luther nailed the Ninety-five Thesis to the church door in Wittenberg) In keeping with this long held tradition, I think a little reflection on the true meaning of the Reformation for our day is in order.

Martin Luther never wanted to found a new, or alternative church. His desire was only to reform, or correct, the entire Christian Church of his day. The fact that the church needed reforming is a reminder to us

that the church itself can easily fall into error and trouble. We need to be vigilant, especially in our day, that we do not follow in the false paths of our predecessors. To keep ourselves in the narrow way of true faith and doctrine, some of the Reformation emphasis is essential.

We need to remember that no one church is the single source of salvation. Wherever the Bible is shared and taught, and the good news of Jesus as our Savior is announced, we can be sure that salvation is present for all those who believe. The challenge for every generation in every church is to humbly place ourselves beneath the Word of God and let Him speak to us. We are also responsible to our brothers and sisters in the faith, as they are to us, to help them see errors and correct problems. Spiritually, no one is an island; we are all our brothers' keepers.

We need to remember that God's Word is true and accurate. It is the only source we have to know the mind and will of God. It is never for us to tell God what we want Him to say to us. Instead, we listen attentively to what we need to hear from Him. From His Word we learn true repentance. Through His Word we have sure forgiveness. In His Word we have the necessary motivation and direction to amend our sinful and straying ways.

We need to remember the graciousness of God's coming to us. The Christian Faith is not about what we do for God; but what He has and continues to do for us. He came as our Savior. He meets us in the proclamation of His Word and the celebration of His Sacraments. He is there whenever we call out to Him. In short, what we as sinners so often forget or confuse is: It is not all about us- but all about Him!

We need to remember that there is no limit to the grace of our God. We can never sin so much or so greatly that we outstrip His willingness and ability to freely and fully forgive us. This is not license then to sin; but loving motivation to receive God's love and the strength and change for new living it provides. It is God who makes all things new.

Finally, we need to remember that God never leaves Himself without a witness to the truth for us. No matter how far we stray or confused we become, He will always be there to search us out and return us to Himself. Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful!

These are the things of the Reformation we celebrate and give thanks for. May God, by His Holy Spirit, continue to call us in the truth, toward the truth.

Pastor Tom

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Announcements from Amy

Middle School Youth Event-All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join in a fun afternoon of games, food, and bowling! Come meet youth from other Lutheran churches in the east valley on Sunday, October 3, from 2:00-4:00pm. We will carpool from Trinity at 1:15pm. Please sign up on the poster outside Amy's office.

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 begin October 4! Classes will meet on Mondays (October 4, 11, and 25) from 3:30-4:30pm. Grades 7 and 8 will be studying Luther's Small Catechism and Grades 5 and 6 will begin by studying the life of Christ.

Meet the New Minister of Music

William (Bill) J. Laesch spent his entire career in church work and music ministry in Florida, Indiana, Wisconsin and New Mexico. He taught parochial school for eighteen years while simultaneously handling music ministry in the congregations where he served. After teaching, he devoted the rest of his career to music ministry, Bible education, visitation and evangelism.

Bill received both Bachelors and Masters degrees in music. He is also a certified Director of Christian Education (DCE) and a certified Lay Minister.

Bill will be our organist for worship services and direct the choir and hand bell choir.

Please welcome Bill to our congregation!



Many thanks to all the volunteers at both the Greeter and Guest podiums. We really appreciate your time and service.

Please continue to check both schedules to see when extra help is needed.

Please contact Joyce Ketchum at (480) 816-0648 with any questions you may have.

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2010 Church Council Election

This year's nominating committee will be putting together a slate of candidates for the following open Council positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- Chairman, Board of Christian Education
- Chairman, Board of Outreach
- Chairman, Board of Stewardship
- Chairman, Board of Trustees

Should you be interested in filling any of these positions, have nominations you would like to make, or have interest in being on this year's Nominating Committee, please contact Lynn Drossel, Al Axelson, or Pastor Tom.

Just a reminder, nominees must be voting members. Voting members are communicant members who have reached the age of 18 and have signed the constitution of this congregation. Communicant members are baptized members who accept the confessional standards set forth in our constitution. A copy of the constitution for all such communicant members to sign will be made available for the voters' meeting during which this election will take place. You can also request your own copy at any time.

Please give some prayerful consideration as to whether any of these positions might be God's way for you to serve Him and our congregation in the near future.



Newsletter Notes

A new Editor for the monthly Newsletter is being sought. It's time for new ideas and a fresh creative touch to the Trinity Truth. This Editor is slowing down and desires to pass along this monthly activity to another, effective Jan., 2011. Computer skills are necessary. Basic knowledge of MS Word or another Word Processing or Publishing program is needed, but not to an advanced skill level. It will be easy to begin with maintaining the same format and working from there. Help will be given. Please contact Christine Colley or me if you are interested.

Dianne Immenga, Editor

TLC Annual Oktoberfest Planned for Oct. 24

Join us at the home of Bob and Joyce Ketchum, 19019 E Eagle Nest Drive, Tonto Verde
on Sunday, October 24, from 3 – 6 pm.

Sign up sheets for attendance and for bringing a salad, casserole, or dessert are available in the narthex.

Come enjoy fellowship and a delicious selection of food, including many German favorites.

Sign up to attend now!

Lord, help us find contentment by learning to know, accept, and express ourselves. Amen.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Sunday, October 10 is **LWML Sunday**.
Mite Boxes will be dedicated that day.
Please return your mite boxes by Oct. 10.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 16, 10:00 am
Join us for refreshments, a devotion, and a short business meeting.
We will be making Thanksgiving cards for the residents
of Fountain View Village.

The October VA Maternity Project collection will be Receiving Blankets
Thank you for your continued support of the VA Project!

*Just a reminder: **ALL** women who are members of TLC are
considered members of LWML.*

JUST A REMINDER: WE ARE STILL SAVING STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Commemorative Larger than the common stamp size; all sides must have perforations. A stamp that has one smooth side is considered a common stamp.

High-dollar Any stamps that cost more than the current first-class stamp.

Airmail All airmail stamps.

Foreign All foreign stamps (any size, any value).

There must be at least ¼ inch of paper around each stamp. It is very important that the perforations not be damaged in the cutting of the paper. Do not remove the stamp from the paper.

Do not save stamps that are torn, bent, heavily canceled, written on, or have Scotch tape attached. Do not save preprinted postcards or postage embossed on envelopes.

Deposit stamps in the large white envelope on the outreach bulletin board, located in the hallway between the kitchen and the fellowship room.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study currently meets *twice* a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Safeway Starbucks at 7:00 pm. It runs until about 8:15 pm. We're currently using a Women of Faith study guide entitled, "Knowing God's Word."

Our purpose is to build our relationships with the Lord, and also with each other, by working together in a supportive atmosphere to develop our skills and desire for Bible study. We welcome all levels of familiarity with the Bible.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Lynn Drossel or DeAnne Carl.

The monthly calendar may be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1I3F0I3H2K5G1G1>

October



Happy Birthday!

- 01 Betty Blank
Scott Hallock
Kelli Pedersen
Pastor Lloyd Powers
- 02 Charlene Beil
Amy Heuer
- 03 Bob Edgren
- 08 Al Immenga
- 10 Sandy Rohrbach
- 11 Jan Visser
- 14 Al Koehlinger
- 15 Joyce Ketchum
- 16 Dawn Brown
- 17 Jamie Krause
- 19 Rose Matthias
- 20 Frederich Herdt III
Robert Ketchum
Nancy Luppess
- 21 Wally Clevenger
Pat Powers
- 22 Madison Scheidt
- 26 Cameron Vogel
- 28 Sydney Wagner
- 29 Frank Serpico
- 31 Rosanna Wisch



ATTENDANCE

August 29	108
September 5	122
September 12	118
September 19	102



- 02 Arlen & Clarice Zenor
- 05 Edwin & Geraldine Feld
Don & Nancy Thompson
- 14 Robert & Joyce Ketchum
- 15 Jack & Christine Colley
Pastor Lloyd & Pat Powers
- 24 Jim & Sandy Rohrbach
- 28 Fred & Cheryl Ann Herdt



- October 03 Nancy Zaw
Chuck Knutsen
- October 10 Fred & Cheryl Herdt
- October 17 William Sprankle
Fred Miller
- October 24 Bob & Jeanne Edgren
- October 31 William Sprankle
Pete Visser



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

Hal and Lois Lucas
who found the "perfect" gently used microwave
for our church kitchen
and purchased it for us!
Thank you!



Food Collection

THANK YOU to all who have donated food items to Extended Hands Food Bank. Food Bank Personnel are especially thankful and send God's blessings to everyone.

The Food Bank continues to need our donations of non-perishable foods. Items may be placed in the collection boxes inside both the narthex and kitchen doors.

Please be sure food donations are NOT out of

Thank You!

Dear TLC Friends:

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support during my recent lengthy diagnosis period, resultant surgery, and ongoing recovery. It gave me such peace to know that you were praying for me. It meant so much to me and I can't thank you enough. TLC is such a wonderful church made up of so many special people. I consider you all my Christian family. I love worshipping with you and sharing the Faith and Love of Christ.

Love, Peggy (Peterson)

Available:

Friends or relatives looking for a place to stay in Fountain Hills?

Two (2) furnished, ground floor condos available for rent in January/February, 2011.

Contact Darrell Kahl
(602) 617-4450

AVAILABLE:

2 HP 56 Black Printer Cartridges
1 HP 57 Tri-Color Printer Cartidge

Brand new cartridges
Purchased right before my printer died.
(New printer uses a different cartridge)

FREE to anyone who
has a printer that can use them

Contact Dianne Immenga

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October 25 (firm)



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Return Service Requested



***Extended Hands Food
Bank: Donations***
are always needed

**VA Maternity Project:
collecting Receiving Blankets in October**

**Outreach to Fountain View Village:
making Thanksgiving Cards
at the Oct. 16 LWML meeting**

Bible Studies

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

Tuesday morning, 10:00 am, Pastor Jerry

2nd & 4th Tuesday, Women's Study,
7 pm at Starbucks in Safeway

Wednesday at 11 am with Pastor Tom

Thursday evening at 7 pm with Pastor Tom

Please call (480) 837-1230
to confirm times and places.

