



The Trinity Truth

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Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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Surrounded!

It has an ominous sound to it. Being surrounded sounds like imminent defeat. Surrounded makes us think of superior enemy forces and might. Surrounded is the word that leads us to the hopelessness of a situation.

Yet, there is another way to look at this important word. What does it mean to be “surrounded” by friends and family? What does it feel like to be “surrounded” by the grace and favor of God?

These are two very different ways of looking at this one word.

In the world we inhabit, we are surrounded by a great many things. The most notable of these is death. Death is universal. It visits every family, everyone. As an enemy that cuts us off from life and the ones we love, it is an overpowering force. It leaves in its wake only sorrow and heartache. To be surrounded by death is to have even the life we are given to live taken away from us.

That is why the words of Hebrews chapter 12 are so comforting and

important. “Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...” What are they witnesses to? To the promises of God fulfilled? To the victory of Jesus Christ over death and the grave? To the assurance of eternal life and glory in heaven? To the help, comfort, and love of God which sustain us? Yes! And so much more. They are witnesses to the hope and faith of every Christian.

The witnesses are our fellow saints. Some have gone before us into glory. Some struggle with us through life in this world. All hold the same faith and confidence in Jesus that we do. They are the encouragement and strength God gives so that the life that is ours in Him will be full and complete.

From Sunday School I remember one of my favorite stories. It was about Elisha and his servant in 2 Kings chapter 6. An army was sent to destroy Elisha. They surrounded his humble house. In the morning his servant got up and saw the imposing force, which made

him cry out in despair. Elisha calmly told the servant, “Don’t be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then the prophet prayed that the servant’s eyes be opened, and he saw the hills covered with angels.

God rescued His prophet by surrounding the surrounders. He still does today. When we see or come face to face with death, we remember that greater is He that surrounds death, than death that surrounds us. The victory of Jesus on Easter is our victory. Death has given way to life for those who trust in the living Savior. We are surrounded by God’s people and God’s promise, and so are at peace.

Surrounded by the love of God,

Pastor Tom



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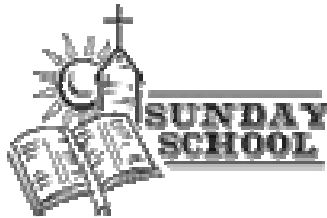
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The Trinity Messenger, is an email newsletter that gets sent out occasionally to remind and inform people of important events happening at Trinity. All member emails that the church office has are included in the mailing. Has your email address changed lately? If so, please notify Carolyn (secretary@tlc.phxcoxmail.com) in the church office with any changes, so she can update the directory pass on to Lois Lucas, who sends out the Trinity Messenger.

Sunday School News

Sunday School is off to a great start this year. We have a few new students and several new teachers! God is continuing to work through our students and teachers to share His Word, His love, and His forgiveness with each other.



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 will begin meeting on Monday, October 3, from 3:30-4:30PM. Classes will meet October 3, 10, 24, and 31. There will be no classes on October 17, due to the FHUSD fall break.



Middle School Youth News

Attention all 5th-8th Graders—Join us on Saturday, October 8, to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Tempe. This will be a fun event where we get to help kids from around the world. Bring a friend! Please contact Amy if you would like to attend. The carpool will leave Trinity at 1:00PM and return around 5:00PM. See below for more information about Feed My Starving Children.



Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

We will be packing meals on Saturday, October 8, from 2:00PM-4:00PM at their Tempe location.

This event is open to everyone ages 5 and up (parental supervision is needed for children younger than grade 5). The carpool will leave Trinity at 1:00PM on the 8th.

For more information about Feed My Starving children visit www.fmssc.org or pick up a flyer at church.

For questions about this event or to sign up to attend, please contact Amy Heuer.



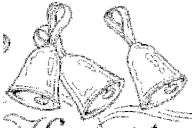
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Luncheons

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Sunday luncheons at SunRidge Canyon will continue through the month of October. Everyone is invited to join us at SunRidge for a delicious lunch and fun fellowship at 11:30AM every Sunday in October, except for October 2, this is the day of the Fall Cruise

Bell and Voice Choirs



Bell Choir

rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00PM.



Voice Choir rehearsals have begun for the year and they are off to a great start! Just a reminder that new or returning choir members are always welcome to join us at 7:00PM on Wednesdays! We have empty chairs that we would love to fill.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

Last Spring, Dianne Immenga completed her term as president of Trinity's LWML group. We thank her so much for her faithful service. LWML is currently without a president. There will be a meeting at 10:00AM on Saturday, October 15, to discuss plans for this year's LWML programming. All ladies of Trinity are members of the LWML and are encouraged to join us! Those who have attended in the past, please consider how you might serve in this group this year (Oct-May).



Wheelchair Assistance Volunteers Needed

As we approach that time of year when two services will be held, there is a need for volunteers to assist with our members in wheelchairs or those just requiring a little extra help into the building on Sunday mornings. In particular, we will need individuals to cover both the early and late services. A signup sheet will be posted at the front desk in October. If you are able to help, please enter your contact information and also indicate which Sunday service you normally attend once we go to two services. After names have been collected for a few Sundays, you will be contacted and we will most likely have a short planning meeting to work out the details and to ensure we have coverage every Sunday.



Extended Hands Food Bank

During the month of October, we will continue to collect **canned meat or fish** for the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills.

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

Thank you for your continued support of this project to help the hungry in Fountain Hills and surrounding communities.



Canned-Meat Collection

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



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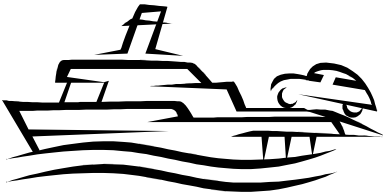
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A Family Friendly Church

Trinity Fall Cruise



Don't forget the Trinity Fall Cruise on Sunday, October 2, at 2:30PM on Saguaro Lake. Spaces

are still available, please contact Amy Heuer for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November edition of the Trinity Truth will be October 15. Please send articles to be included to:

newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com or drop them off at the church office.



October Schedule

Join us for Worship each Sunday morning at 9:00AM.

Worship is followed immediately by fellowship, with Sunday School and Bible Study beginning at 10:30AM.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 10:30AM with Pastor Tom

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

Wednesday at 11:00AM with Pastor Tom

Thursday at 7:00PM with Pastor Tom

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