



The Trinity Truth

October 2017

REFORMATION 500

The official month is finally here. On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Neither he nor those present knew at the time what a momentous event this would be.

Why the church door? At a time before reliable mass communication, the best way to reach everyone in a town or village with information was to tack it to the doors of the local church. They served as a kind of community bulletin board.

Why 95 Theses? A thesis was a debating point. Luther was challenging a practice of the hierarchy of his church in selling the forgiveness of sins, (also known as an indulgence). Luther

was concerned about a great many things that came from the sale of indulgences.

He was concerned for the hypocrisy of church officials selling a spiritual gift simply to raise money for themselves and their pet projects. This was for Luther an embarrassment for the whole Christian faith, and a worse sin than the sins it was purportedly forgiving.

He was concerned for the harm caused to the central tenant of the Christian faith, forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. If people could buy forgiveness with money, what need did they have for Jesus?

And he was concerned for the Christian life of ordinary believers. People were buying

indulgences before they committed a sin, using them as a kind of “get out of jail free” card. This was leading to rampant lawlessness and harm especially to families and children.

Martin Luther had not thought through all the implications of the questions he was raising. He simply saw a practice he knew to be wrong and harmful and wanted to put an end to it. It was the harsh and ridiculous responses that he received to his questions from the officials of the church that spurred him further into the Scriptures, and further into dissent with the corruption of faith and practice that was so prevalent in the church of his day.

What started out as



a minor event that may have been missed entirely by human history, became the event that would change the world.

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Sunday School News

This Fall, Sunday School Students are learning about how God's promise of the Messiah was passed down from generation to generation among His people.

Class meets from 10:20-11:15 AM each Sunday in October.

Children ages 3 and older are welcome to join the fun!

Please contact Director of Family Ministry, with any

questions.

Save the Date: Children's Christmas Service December 17, at 10:30 AM.



Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 continue to meet on Mondays in October from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Please note, classes

will not meet on Monday, October 9. Enjoy your fall break!

Please contact Director of Family Ministry, or Pastor

Tom if you have questions or have a student you would like to attend these classes.



Hand Chime Choir Starting October 1

All children and youth grade 3 and above are encouraged and invited to join the new hand chime choir. This group will meet each Sunday immediately

following the church service for about 15 minutes. This is a fun chance to learn something new and add to our worship services.

Don't worry about missing out on



Handchimes

snacks, one will be offered at Sunday School.



November Trinity Truth Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the November edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, October 17. Please bring written items into the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com.

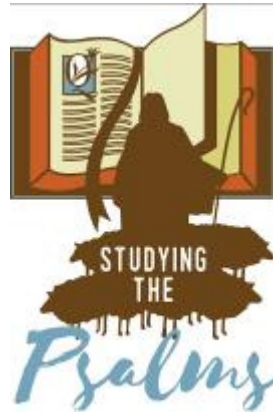
Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, October 1, the Sunday Morning Bible Class will begin a study of selected Psalms.

Learn more about the backgrounds of these songs and their authors and discover ways to

read them and use them in your daily prayer and devotional life.

Class is lead by Pastor Tom and meets from 10:30-11:15 AM and is open to those high school age and older.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that shares the Good News of God's love with hurting boys and girls around the world.

Participants pack a shoebox with simple gifts and \$9.00 per box (to help cover the cost of shipping) and drop the shoeboxes off at Relay Centers and Collection Centers around the country. OCC then delivers these shoeboxes around the world to poor

and hurting children. Through Gospel literature and discipleship programs, many of these children become faithful followers of the Lord.

We encourage you (and your friends) to pack your own shoeboxes and/or donate items so we can pack additional shoeboxes.

Empty shoeboxes and more information on how to pack them will be available at Trinity beginning Sunday, October

22.

Trinity also serves as the Drop-Off location for Fountain Hills where churches and individuals bring their filled shoeboxes.

Volunteers will be needed during collection week, November 13-20. More information about that will be in next month's newsletter.

Please contact Andrea or Amy with any questions.





Make A Difference Day

Join us for the annual Fountain Hills Make a Difference day. **All ages and skill levels are welcome to participate.** Everyone has the power to do something that improves the life of another.

On Saturday, October 28, from 7:30 AM-12:00 PM we will join with other townspeople to do various service projects to help vulnerable, elderly, or homebound members of our community as well as a variety of work

projects throughout town.

Please talk to the Director of Family Ministry or sign up on the poster at church by Wednesday, October 11, if you would like to participate.



Thank YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Food Truck Fair! We hope you enjoyed it! Thanks to Burgers Amore and Queso Good for great food

and great service! Thank you to The Four Peaks Group - Thrivent Financial for offering Child ID Kits, to Tractor Supply Co. for the use of a

trough, to Barbagallo Electric for donating ice, and to all of our volunteers! It was a great day!

Thank YOU!!

We're continuing Trinity's 25th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 8th. Pastor emeritus, Lloyd Powers, will be

sharing a message with the "Lifting High the Cross" theme during the 9:00 AM Worship Service.



25 Crosses for 25 Years at Fountain Park

Thank you to everyone that donated a cross to be placed around Fountain Park!

In October, the crosses will be marked with a special message and hidden/placed all around the park. An article in The Fountain Hills Times will announce this

hunt and invite members of the community to participate. Once a cross is found, community members are invited to come to Trinity for a photo opportunity and enter a drawing for a dinner for four at Saddle Bronc Grill. Those who find a

cross are welcome to keep it if they so choose.

The drawing will be held on Friday, October 27.

Contact Debbie or Christine if you have any questions.



Anniversary Celebration-November 5

Save the date and plan to attend Trinity's official 25th Anniversary Celebration which will be observed on Sunday, November 5. Pacific Southwest District President,

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau, will be our guest speaker at the 9:00 AM service. Following the service there will be a brief program of celebration and recognition.

A celebratory brunch will be served at 10:30 AM. *If you plan to attend the brunch, please sign up on the poster outside of the Director of Family Ministry Office.*



Redecorating Update

As of this writing, new tile has been put down in the kitchen, hallways, and restrooms. Work continues with carpet installation and

painting over the next couple of weeks. Please bear with us as there may be some slight inconveniences and dislocations- great thought is being

given to make this transition go as smoothly as possible.





Link to online Calendar:

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

Extended Hands Food Bank

During the fourth quarter of 2017, we are collecting nonperishable **holiday meal items** (*stuffing, cranberries, gravy, vegetables, etc...*) for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Please bring your donations of any nonperishable food to Trinity and place them in the green receptacles by either of the main doors.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



LWML October Meeting & Fall Celebration

LWML Sunday will be observed on October 1.

All women of Trinity are invited to join us on Saturday, October 21, for the LWML meeting from 9:00 AM -12 NOON.

We will be having a devotion followed by a brief business meeting which will include planning for participation at the 25th Anniversary brunch.

The meeting will be followed by a craft workshop-novice to

seasoned crafters welcome!

Join us for a short time or the whole morning, whatever works best for your schedule. Lunch dessert will be provided.

See you there.



**Lutheran Women
in Mission**



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
Ocotillo/Palo Verde LWML Zone 27/30



FALL CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 14, 2017

Eternal Life Lutheran Church

7025 E. Main St.

Mesa, AZ 85207

9 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:30 a.m. Program

Guest Speakers: Pastor Jeff and Cheryl Ehlers of Garuna Foundation

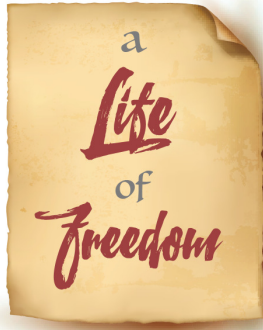
The Garuna Foundation exists to help raise prayer, volunteer and financial support for the emerging Lutheran churches in Southeast Asia and for their ministries.

Registration: \$10.00 - includes Lunch

Ingathering: Gift cards for St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Houston

Water and rice for ASU International Friendship House

If you would like to attend this event, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Director of Family Ministry's office by Friday, October 6.

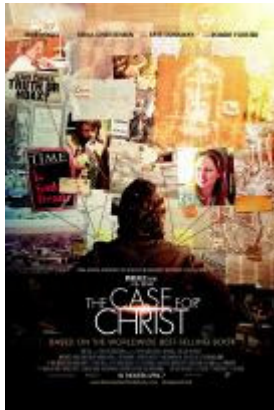


Reformation 500 Worship Service at St. Luke, Mesa

Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Mesa! Local pastors and music groups will lead a worship service at 3:00 PM on October 29th with the theme,

“A Life of Freedom.” This uplifting experience will highlight Luther’s emphasis on our freedom as Christians. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

For more information, call 480-969-4414, or go to www.stlukemesa.com. St. Luke is located at 807 N Stapley Dr. Mesa, AZ 85203



Case for Christ at North Chapel

North Chapel in Fountain Hills will be showing a licensed viewing of *The Case for Christ* movie on Friday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 PM. The movie is based

on Lee Strobel’s personal journey. He was an atheist and an investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune who applied his

investigative skills to researching Jesus. Through this process, and the testimony of his wife, he became a Christian.

St. Olaf College Orchestra in Tempe

The St. Olaf Orchestra, conducted by Steven Amundson, will be performing at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Tempe as a part of their 2017 Fall Tour! Concert will be held on Friday, October 20, at 7:00 PM. Repertoire will include Rachmaninoff’s Symphony No. 2 and more! Called “one of the best college orchestras in the

nation” by *Time* magazine’s Richard Ostling, the St. Olaf Orchestra is known for its passionate music-making and professional-level performances. The orchestra won the 2013 American Prize for Orchestral Performance among colleges and universities, appears annually in the internationally acclaimed St. Olaf Christmas Festival, and has also been featured as Garrison

Keillor’s guest on broadcasts of *A Prairie Home Companion* in 2001 and 2011. **Cost per ticket is \$10 for adults, free for students. Tickets can be purchased online stolaf.edu/tickets, over the phone at 800-363-5487, or at the door.** King of Glory is located at 2085 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282.



Recent Happenings



Sunday School students helped pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran Social Services (above).



Many people (members and guests alike) enjoyed beautiful weather and good food at Trinity's first ever Food Truck Fair (left)!

Save the Dates- Christmas Decorating

Looking Ahead... Yes, it seems early to be thinking about Christmas, but we have two projects that need volunteers. Plenty of time left to save these dates: **Monday, November 27, 8:00 AM**- life-size Nativity set-up, followed by breakfast fare. It doesn't take long if we have lots of help. **Thursday, November 30, 6:00 PM**, a few guys to help with moving boxes from the attic and laying out sections of the tree; **Friday, December 1, 6:00 PM**, 6-8 people needed to fluff the tree branches; **Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM**, Lots of help needed to assemble and decorate the trees. Usually takes about two hours. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the start of November.

We are also looking for a person or two to work alongside Pam and Dianne this year with the idea of becoming the leader for next year's Christmas decorating. Please see Pam or Dianne if you have questions or are interested in this position.

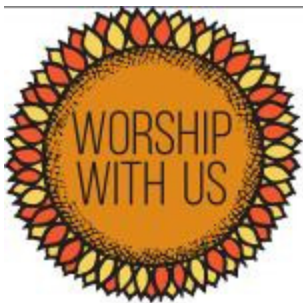


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October Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by Fellowship

10:20 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

Bible Studies

Sunday morning at 9:20 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

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