



The Trinity Truth

November 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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A Reason to Give Thanks

November is a month dominated by its fourth Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Yet, a special day is also celebrated each November 11th, Veterans Day. Originated because of the end of hostilities in World War I, on Veterans Day we remember those who have faithfully served our nation in the Armed Forces. The combination of Thanksgiving and Veterans Days made me begin to think.

How many important veterans have and do serve each of us? There are of course the military veterans. They have kept this the Land of the Free by making it the Home of the Brave. We are also served by many great veterans in the police and fire agencies. Then, there are the veterans of all the emergency response teams who watch over us. Each in turn has made life as we know it possible. They are all special blessings and gifts from God to us for which we ought to give thanks.

There is another long list of veterans who are equally as important to us. They are the Veterans of the Cross. Some have used this designation to identify retired pastors and their spouses. These folks have sacrificially served the church, and are now recognized by us for their many contributions. They have a special place, not just in the history of individual congregations; but also in the hearts of all the members of the Christian family.

Finally, there are the countless numbers of veterans who have never held an official place in the church, but have been its loyal and faithful members. They have served and supported the ministry of God's people with their time, talents and treasures. Without them, and the legacy they have left, we would not have the church we know today. We are standing on their shoulders, and looking forward to the day when another generation takes its place on



ours. This is how the church grows, one generation to the next. Our foundation is resting on the Prophets and the Apostles, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. Each new course of building material is laid on the one that has proceeded it. From generation to generation, we continue to be the people of God.

This November, let us all remember to give thanks to our gracious God for the service and blessing of all the veterans who have and continue to serve us, in the nation and in the church.

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Many thanks to Pastor Tom and all of you in my Church family for the beautiful cards and especially for your prayers during my recent setback. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.
Jeannette Carl



Dear Church Family, We would like to thank all of you for helping make the past 5 years of our Mother's life so wonderful. You took her into the congregation and into your hearts. Your prayers have sustained us, and your gifts and memorials will be a lasting legacy for the Church she loved and served. May God continue to bless you as a blessing to all the saints.
Pastor Tom and Kathy

Sunday School News

New students (age 3-grade 8) are welcome to join us anytime during the year. Sunday school begins at 9:20AM in the Choir Room.



Friends are always welcome!



Children's Christmas Program

Parents, please be aware that the Children's Christmas program will be held in December (date TBA soon). Speaking parts will be assigned in mid November.

Group rehearsals for the program will be held on Sunday mornings in December, during the education hour.

We look forward to this opportunity for the Children to present the Christmas message with the members and friends of Trinity.

Middle School Youth News

Confirmation Classes will meet each Monday in November from 3:45-4:45PM. Classes are open to all 5th-8th graders.



Turkey Bowl 2011—Join us on Sunday, November 13, for a fun afternoon of games including Turkey Bowling! The event will be from 2:00-4:00PM at Trinity. Invite your friends and get ready for a fun afternoon! Please contact



Turkey Bowl 2011

Amy if you have any questions.

Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for the December edition of the Trinity Truth will be November 15.

Please send articles to be included to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com or drop them off at the church office.

Christmas Decorating Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates to help decorate the church for Christmas.

**Monday,
November 28,**
Able bodies are needed to set up the Outside Nativity set up at 8:30AM.

**Saturday,
December 10,**
Many hands make light work as we set up trees and decorate the inside of church at 9:30AM.

Family Wreath project coming in Mid-November
Decorate a wreath with the theme, "Families make Christmas brighter."



Christmas
Decorating

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes on November 1. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00-11:30AM. Pastor Tom will be leading the class.

Please note: Pastor Tom's Wednesday morning class will be merging with the Tuesday morning class, *this means, beginning in November, there will*

be no Wednesday class offered.

Tuesday Morning BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Advent Services

Midweek Advent Services begin on Wednesday, November 30. This year our theme is, "Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem."

In the birth of Jesus Christ, heaven's love found a voice on earth. That voice--God's infant voice--spoken in languages that draw us

into a right relationship with God. That voice continues to speak in languages that influence and guide our own relationships with one another as well.

Over the weeks leading up to Christmas we will translate and interpret those languages as we prepare our hearts and home for Christ's coming.



Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem

Christmas Angel Tree

This year we will again support the LCMS Hispanic mission in Phoenix with our gifts for children in need. Watch for more information in upcoming

bulletin announcements. The tree will be up on November 20 for you to choose a child's name off of the tree to support with your gifts.



Stewardship Check-up Time!

As a part of our "Tithe Boosters" emphasis in late February, you were asked to write on a goldenrod slip of paper the amount you planned to contribute for Trinity's ministry this year. That sheet was placed in an envelope with your name on it. Now, as we approach the final months of this year, it is time for a check-up.

Your proposed offering amount will soon be returned in your church mail box. Please compare that amount with your actual offerings reported on your 3rd quarterly statement. If you have failed to keep pace with your plan, there is still time to catch up before the end of 2011. Thanks to the

many who have responded by becoming Tithe Boosters. Our goal should be to be faithful and fruitful stewards of our Chief Steward, the Lord, Jesus Christ. In the cause of Christian service and support, Stewardship chairman, *Pastor Jim Brockmann*



Extended Hands Food Bank Collection

During the months of November and December, we will be showing our support of the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills by collecting (Non-perishable) holiday meal items (pumpkin, cranberries, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, canned sweet pota-

toes, 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!

Thanks to everyone who brought donations of canned meat during the months of September and October!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off

This summer, volunteers packed shoe boxes with small gifts to be distributed to children around the world through Opera-

tion Christmas Child this winter.

There is still time to fill a shoe box if you have not already done so.

A few volunteers are also needed to deliver the shoe boxes to First Baptist Church in Fountain Hills during the week of November 14.

Please talk to Andrea Lawson or Amy Heuer if you are interested in helping out with either of these options.



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“Fix-Its” List 2011

During 2011, the Trustees, with the leadership of Chuck Knutsen, have been busy completing projects, large and small, around the church property. We would like to thank them for all that they do and let you know some of the things that have been accomplished this year! This is not an exhaustive list; but it does show what an excellent committee we have in place.

The Trustees would welcome input from the congregation as well. You are in the best position to notice if something needs fixing or a situation needs to be addressed. Simply drop a note or an email by the office and know that the “Fixed it” list will continue to grow!



“Fixed-Its” Accomplished

Air Conditioning and thermostats fixed
 Kitchen countertop fixed
 Cabinet doors fixed
 Parking lot sealed
 Handicap concrete ramp expanded
 Lower to upper sidewalk added
 Two new Palo Verde trees planted
 Music case for the organ
 Planter bushes removed and replaced with rock

Upcoming “Fix-Its”

Front benches (seats) replaced

Volunteers Still Needed!

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. This includes arriving about 30 minutes before the church service and

being able to push wheelchairs up the ramp to the church building. In particular, we will need individuals to cover both the early and late services. A signup sheet is posted at the front desk. 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. 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.

Thanksgiving Pie Social



Everyone is invited to join for fellowship after the worship service on Thanksgiving eve, November 23.

We would like to invite you to share your favorite pie with friends and family of TLC.

There is no sign up for this event, just bring your special pie to share at the social! We hope to see you there!

Advent Suppers

Everyone is invited to join us for wonderful Christian fellowship and delicious meals on Wednesdays during Advent: November 30, December 7, and December 14.

The suppers begin at 5:30PM and are followed by Advent Worship at 7:00PM.

Help is needed to prepare food for these Wednesday evening suppers. If you are interested in

helping out, please sign up on the poster outside of Amy's office.



Dine Out Event

On Saturday, December 10, we will go to Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre in Mesa for "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Broadway Palms Dine Out!



Lunch begins at 11:45AM and the show follows at 1:15PM. Cost is \$29 per adult (with a group of 15 or more or \$43 if we don't have a large enough group) and \$18 per child. Cost includes buffet lunch, show,

tax, and gratuity. Payment must be received by Joan Wolfe no later than November 20. Carpool is available from Trinity and will leave at 11:00AM.



We enjoy the many refreshments brought to share with each other after Sunday services.

We thank all who contribute regularly!

We also welcome first time participants to bring their own favorites anytime.

Thank You to Christine Colley and to all who helped make the first ever Trinity Fall Cruise a fun event for all who attended!

Thanks to Joan Wolfe for planning and organizing all of the Dine Out Events!

Thank You to Hal Lucas for arranging the Summer Luncheons at SunRidge Canyon

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 19, at 10:00AM. Please plan to join us for devotions, a short business meeting, and help to assemble Christmas cards for the residents at Fountain View Village!

Also, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 13, for a Christmas party begin-

ning at 7:00PM. *All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us!* Watch for more information in the bulletin and next month's Trinity Truth.

Mite Collection Sunday, November 6!

What are mites? Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the collection of "mites" or coins, is intended for regular-- offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod.

Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

If you would like a Mite Box, they are available in the church office. However, you do not

need a box to contribute to the mite collection, you are welcome to bring in coins in any receptacle available to you.

Watch future editions of the Trinity Truth for information about

some of the mission projects being funded by our mites.



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 months of November, December, and 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 to plan a tour of the facility in January or February.

Link to online calendar:

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



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A Family Friendly Church

November Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings at 9:00am followed by Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30am

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service followed by Pie Social

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00pm
Midweek Advent Service

Complimentary Advent Supper will be served on Wednesday evening,
November 30, beginning at 5:30PM.

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 10:30AM 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.