

Trinity Lutheran Church

# Trinity Truth

November 2013

## Thanksgiving

**Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good! Psalm 107:1**

This month we purposefully set aside time to remember the good gifts the Lord has granted us, and then pause to return our thanks and praise to Him. But thanksgiving should happen more often than just on the fourth Thursday of November. Likewise, thanksgiving should be more than just a verbal prayer or recitation of blessings.

What are we thankful for? Indeed the good gifts and pleasant things we enjoy in this life top this list. They come most easily to mind.

There are, however, other aspects of life which are not so pleasant. Things we would wish to avoid if at all possible. Should we be thankful even for these difficulties? The answer is of course, yes! Even unpleasant and disagreeable things can be sources of God's rich blessing and favor. How many times has the Lord used challenges to strengthen our faith and sharpen our trust in Him? How many times did what first appeared to be a problem suddenly turn out to be the avenue by which God delivered His grace to us? In all things, and in all ways, we should

give thanks to our God, for He is good.

How are we thankful?

This is a most provocative question. Usually we express our thanks to God in prayer. We list and enumerate the things we find most delightful, and then express our appreciation that God made them available to us. This is good; but not nearly good enough. If we limit ourselves only to verbally reciting our thanksgivings, we leave behind so many wonderful opportunities to express our gratitude to the Lord. The praises we sing and the work we undertake can also be expressions of



thanksgiving. By utilizing a full breadth of options in responding to the goodness of God, our whole lives become an expression of thanksgiving and praise. This is as it should be.

The calendar year is rapidly winding to a close. God has been so good to us as individuals and as a congregation. He deserves our unlimited praise and thanksgiving, **FOR HE IS GOOD!**

*Pastor Tom*

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## Sunday School News

We invite all children (age 3-grade 4) to join us each Sunday morning from 10:30-11:15 AM. Friends are always welcome!



This month, the Preschool/ Kindergarten class will learn

about Jonah, the three men in the fiery furnace, and Daniel.

The elementary class will be learning about Naaman, Jonah, and Hezekiah. On November 24, all students will learn a Christmas Bible verse and begin rehearsal for the Christmas program.

The program will take place on **Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 PM.**

Rehearsals will be on November 24 at 10:30 AM and December 1 & 8 at 9:30 AM. We hope you will plan to participate in and attend this program!



## Middle School News

### Youth Confirmation Classes

continue to meet on Monday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 PM. Please note, classes will not be held on Monday, November 11.



**Turkey Bowl 2013 will be held on Sunday, November 10, from 1:00-3:00 PM.** This afternoon of fun and games is open to all youth in grades 5-8. More information will be coming via e-mail. Please contact Amy Heuer with any questions.

## December Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for the December edition of the Trinity Truth will be Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

## Extended Hands Food Bank

The last quarter of the year is upon us and that means we are collecting nonperishable holiday meal items for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Bring in your canned vegetables, soups, pumpkin, boxed potatoes, stuffing, muffin mix, etc.

As always, all donations are appreciated!

## Thanksgiving Collection Display

A special display of nonperishable food will be set up for Thanksgiving worship. If you wish to donate to the display, please have food at church by Friday, November 22. *The display will be set up on Saturday, November 23, at 10:00 AM. We welcome volunteers to help set up the display.* Food will be taken to Extended Hands Food Bank on Saturday, November 30. Please contact Jeanne Edgren or Amy Heuer if you would like to help out.



## Hospice of Arizona Presentation

On Wednesday, November 6, representatives from Hospice of Arizona will be at Trinity to give a presentation to members of Trinity and the community at large. The presentation will be two-fold: 1) to give information about hospice (What is it? Who is it for? What

services are offered?) and 2) to let us know about volunteer opportunities within their organization. The presentation begins at 6:00 PM in the fellowship room. Please invite friends and neighbors who you think would benefit from this presentation. We hope you will join



**Hospice of Arizona**  
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us!

Please contact Amy Heuer if you have any questions about this event.

## Operation Christmas Child is Coming to Trinity!



Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

This November, you are encouraged to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in need of hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Shoeboxes and instructions on how to pack a shoebox will be available at Trinity beginning on October 27.*

Trinity will be the drop off spot for OCC shoeboxes in Fountain Hills during national collection week, November 18-25, 2013. Shoeboxes can be dropped off at the following times:

- November 18- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM & 5:00- 6:00PM
- November 19- 9:00 AM -1:00 PM
- November 20- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM & 7:00-8:00PM
- November 21-9:00 AM -1:00PM
- November 22-9:00 AM-12 NOON
- November 23-10:00 AM-12NOON
- November 24-11:30 AM-1:00 PM
- November 25-9:00-1:00 PM

**Volunteers will be needed at Trinity during this week to help with the shoebox collection and also to help take boxes to Scottsdale Bible Church on Monday, November 25.**

Please contact Amy Heuer or Andrea Lawson if you are able to help out.

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### Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social



*Pie Social*

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, November 27, for our annual Pie Social. This event will begin after our 7:00 PM Thanksgiving eve worship service (about 7:45 PM).

You are welcome to bring a pie to share or you can just come and join the tasting and fellowship! We hope to see you there!

### Advent Suppers

Trinity's Advent suppers will be on Wednesdays (December 4, 11, and 18) at 5:30 PM.



Volunteers are needed to help make, serve, and clean up after the meal. Look for a sign up poster at church around the 15th of November.

### Angel Tree



We will again support the LCMS Hispanic mission in Phoenix with our gifts for children in need. This year, the ministry has requested unwrapped dolls and basketballs. The tree will be up on Sunday, November 17, for you to choose an item for a child off of the tree. Watch for more information in

upcoming bulletin announcements. Please feel free to join with a friend to purchase a gift for the children. Contact Amy Heuer or Andrea Lawson with any questions.



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Link to online Calendar:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1J4L6M7K5K5OgL6l3>



## Christmas is Coming!



**HELP NEEDED:** Join us on Saturday, November 30, at 8:00 AM to set up our beautiful Nativity scene in front of the church.

As always, a delicious breakfast follows. We will finish in record time if we have enough help. Hope to see you then!

Questions?

Contact Bill Muehlhauser or Dianne Immenga.



## Stewardship

**Blessed**  
to Be a  
**Blessing**

The Lord has been exceptionally good to us here at Trinity this year. Despite the economic turmoil that surrounds us, our members have been generous and supportive. As we come away from the lean months of summer, we find that we

have fallen just a little behind last year in the gifts that support our ministry. May we encourage you to review your stewardship promises so that we may be able to finish this year in sound fiscal shape? The goodness of the Lord never ends!

## Save the Dates

December is a busy month at Trinity. Here are a few dates for you to mark on your calendar for the first week in December. More information about these events will be in upcoming Sunday announcements and in the December edition of the Trinity Truth.

**December 1**--Begin two worship service schedule, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**December 4**--Advent Supper 5:30 PM

**December 4**--Advent Worship, 7:00 PM

**December 7**--Put up Christmas Trees, morning-exact time to be announced

**December 8**-- Celebration of Christmas 4:00 PM



## Hand Bell Choir



Attention Hand Bell Ringers: Our practices for the season will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM beginning on November 6th. We are always looking to expand our group, so if you have a desire to join us or have any questions, please contact Kim Flower.

We are looking forward to a season of joyful ringing!

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## Voices of Praise

**Still looking for singers!** We're up to 15 in the Choir but we can always use more. We no longer sing every Sunday and we won't be singing at both services when we do sing. That makes the commitment a little easier. Do you like to sing? Please join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Please note there is no rehearsal on November 13.



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## LWML



All ladies of Trinity are invited to join us on Saturday, November 17, at 10:00 AM for a devotion and short business meeting. We will be discussing the women's Christmas party and will also be assembling Christmas cards to give to the residents at Fountain View Village. We hope you will join us!

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## November Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 9:00 AM

Followed by Fellowship Time

Christian Education for all ages begins at 10:30 AM

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 PM

Followed by a pie social

## Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

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

Thursday at 7:00 PM with Pastor Tom

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study

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