

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRINITY TRUTH

NOVEMBER 2015

THANKSGIVING/THANKSLIVING

St. Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome: Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1)

The fourth Thursday in November has dominated our calendar for years. First established by President Lincoln, a National Day of Thanksgiving seemed very appropriate. We were then, and are now, a nation significantly blessed by Almighty God. As a people, we have known peace and prosperity in a fashion unimaginable to the rest of the world.

Individually, we have

pantries and closets that are overflowing. Most of us want and lack for no good thing. Our God has indeed been good, the source of every physical and spiritual benefit.

What should our response to this be? Many try to count their blessings, enumerating all the things they are grateful for. This can prove to be difficult. We forget so much. We are unaware of so much. We don't have that much time. We pass so many blessings by that the count becomes artificially low.

Counting our blessings the way we would normally do makes us seem ungrateful, like those who take the

greatness of God's goodness for granted.

There are those who think that a special worship service and a few prayers of thanksgiving will suffice. Rather than pure gratitude, this action comes across as just another duty to be performed. It is wholly insufficient for all the wonderful things the Lord has done and given to us.

What then are we to do?

St. Paul was so right. We need to offer again to God our very selves. Those lives that have been redeemed and blessed by Him. Our reasonable worship is to love and serve this always giving God. After all, it was our



God Who first gave Himself to us and for us. If He has held nothing back from us, would it be right for us to hold anything back from Him?

May this November be for us more than a time of Thanksgiving. May it be a reminder that the perfect expression of gratitude toward God is our THANKSLIVING!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Parents- Please save the date **Sunday, December 20**, and plan to have your child participate in the Children's Christmas service to be held during the 10:30 AM worship service.

Rehearsals for the service will begin on Sunday, November 8, during the Sunday School hour.

All children age 3-grade 12 are welcome and

encouraged to participate in the Christmas service!



Beginning November 8, a new class for pre-school aged kids will

begin. Class will meet in the nursery. Parents, you are welcome to attend with your child, if you choose to do so.

Join us each Sunday morning from 10:30-11:15 AM. Friends are always welcome!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 will continue Mondays in November from 3:45 -4:45 PM.

Confirmation Parent Reminder- *Remember to sign up your student to acolyte for the month of December!* Watch your email for

January - March scheduling coming to your inbox soon!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS



Poinsettias will adorn Trinity's altar area during the Christmas season.

Watch for more information about purchasing a poinsettia plant for display in mid-November.

COUPLES' NIGHT

How well do you know your mate?

Saturday, November 7, beginning at 5:00 PM.

Whether you are engaged, recently married, or have been married for many many years; you are invited to join in a fun and

interactive evening at Michael and Natalie Wallace's home. Dinner will be served. We may need a few people to volunteer to bring a dish to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Amy's office or



contact Natalie Wallace if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

AZ OPRY GROUP OUTING

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend Barleen's Arizona Opry Christmas Matinee Show on **Saturday, December 19.**

We have reserved 24 seats with a group rate of \$36 per adult and \$27 per child (ages 4-12).

Cost includes meal, show, tax, and gratuity. The theatre is located at 2275 Old West

Highway in Apache Junction. A carpool will be available from church leaving at about 10:30 AM.

Doors open at 11:15 AM. Meal is served at 12:30 PM (both chicken and beef will be served) with show from 1:30 - 3:45 PM.



To attend, sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the narthex at Trinity, and pay Joan Wolfe by **Tuesday, December 1.**

Please contact Joan Wolfe with any questions.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



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LWML SUNDAY



On Sunday, November 8, Trinity will observe Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday, a celebration of its members and the mission work of the LWML within the Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod and around the world. **Women will serve as greeters, ushers, and readers during the worship service. Help is needed to fill these positions.** If you would like to serve during this

celebration of the LWML, please sign up on the LWML bulletin board located in the hallway between the Kitchen and the Fellowship Room at Trinity.

LWML MEETING



All women of Trinity are invited to join together at the next meeting of Trinity's LWML on Saturday, November 21, at 10:00 AM.

Join us for a devotion and a brief business meeting to discuss the final details regarding the Christmas tea.

HELP NEEDED AT WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 12, to help at the Women's Christmas Tea. There are various jobs from greeting to

helping in the kitchen to event clean up. If you are able to help, please sign up on the poster on the LWML bulletin board located

in the hallway between the Kitchen and Fellowship Room at Trinity.

Please contact Debbie Olson with questions.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA TICKETS



Women's Tea

The Women's Christmas Tea will be held Saturday, December 12, at 10:00 AM. There will be a fun style show, featuring some of our very own models from Trinity, delicious lunch and tea, as well as a silent

auction. **Tickets are on sale now- there are only about 10 tickets left! If you are out of town now, but will be here in December and would like to attend, please contact the church office to reserve a ticket today!**

Otherwise contact Debbie Olson to buy a ticket. Proceeds from this event will benefit The Good Samaritan Fund at Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills.

PIE SOCIAL

Everyone is invited to join in the annual Pie Social on Wednesday, November 25. The feast of decadence begins right after the Thanksgiving eve worship service (about

7:45 PM).

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

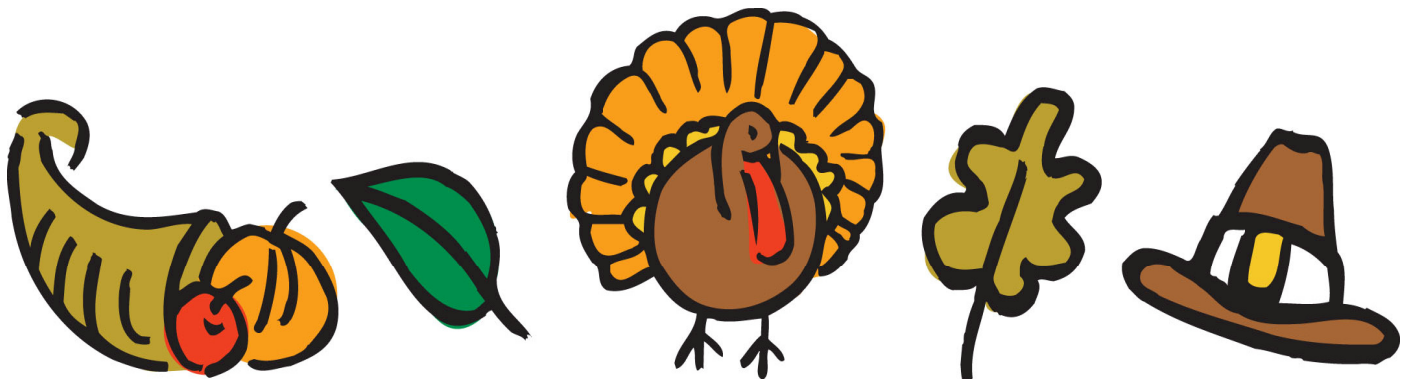


THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION POT LUCK

All are welcome and invited to join together on Sunday, November 29, after worship and education hour for a potluck Thanksgiving Celebration. We are thankful for all of the blessings our Lord has given us, especially our

Trinity family! Meat and potatoes will be provided. *We ask you to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Amy's office if you plan to attend (by November 22) so we*

will be able to order enough of the main dish. We hope you will join us for this day of celebration!



SO MANY BLESSINGS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse to share the Good News of God's love with hurting boys and girls around the world. You are encouraged to fill a shoe box for a boy or girl in need of hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Shoeboxes and instructions on how to pack a shoebox are available at Trinity. Pick up yours today!

We also have available some small stuffed animals, bracelets, toy cars, and dresses available to help you in packing your shoe box. Get these items while they are available.



Trinity is the drop off spot for OCC shoeboxes in Fountain Hills during national collection week, November 16-23, 2015.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off at the following times:

November 16-
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

November 17-
9:00 AM- NOON

November 18-
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

November 19-
9:00 AM -NOON

November 20-
9:00 AM-NOON

November 21-
10:00 AM-NOON

November 22-
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

November 23-
9:00 AM-11:00AM

Volunteers are needed during these times to receive shoeboxes and pack them into larger boxes.

Volunteers are also needed to help take the boxes to Scottsdale Bible Church around noon on Monday, November 23.

Please sign up to help on the bulletin board outside of Amy Heuer's office to volunteer or contact Andrea Lawson or Amy Heuer with any questions.

EXTENDED HANDS FOOD BANK

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. While many of us live in abundance, there are others who do not. In thankfulness for what we have, **let's collect nonperishable holiday meal items for the Extended Hands Food Bank.**

Items brought in will be displayed near the altar on Sunday, November 22. Please bring in your special donations by Friday, November 20.

As always, any donations are appreciated.

Please place donations in the green receptacles by either of the main doors at Trinity.



NATIVITY SET UP

On Monday, November 30, at 8:00 AM, we will be assembling the Nativity Scene outdoors on the Safeway side of the church property. It's not a difficult endeavor if we have

lots of help. Included in the project is the annual Grace and Dianne breakfast, served when the work is finished. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Amy

Heuer's office so we can be sure to prepare enough breakfast for all.

We hope to see you on November 30!



TREE SET UP

On December 4 and 5 help is needed to set up and decorate the sanctuary Christmas trees. On Friday, December 4, we will be removing the trees from storage boxes, fluffing tree branches, and unpacking the

Crismons. Watch the bulletin and your e-mail for information about starting time. On Saturday, December 5, we will set up and decorate the two trees. We'll begin at 9:00 AM. Sign up for either or both of these

activities on the bulletin board outside of Amy Heuer's office. Again, many hands make light work!

Questions? Contact Pam Miskawitz or Dianne Immenga.



FAMILY WREATHS

Each family unit at Trinity is invited to decorate a wreath with the theme, "Heart of Christmas."

These wreaths will adorn our the church sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season.

Wreaths will be available on at Trinity on Sunday, November 8. Please decorate your wreath and return to church by Saturday, December 5, at 9:00 AM.

Please contact Amy Heuer with any questions.





LINK TO ONLINE CALENDAR:

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

RECENT HAPPENINGS



During the past month, members of Trinity served the community by doing some clean up projects with other circuit churches at Papago Park in Phoenix and also at Fountain Hills Make a Difference Day (pictured above in orange shirts), many volunteers, under the direction of Debbie Olson got ready for and held a big garage sale (top and middle right) and celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month. (bottom right). We were blessed to have some of our retired pastors join Pastor Tom in leading the Reformation worship service on October 25.



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**A FAMILY FRIENDLY
CHURCH**

NOVEMBER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by fellowship

10:15 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Worship with Holy Communion, Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 PM

Followed by Pie Social

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning at 10:15 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

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