



The Trinity Truth

November 2017

REFORMATION 500

One of the great insights given to the church from the Reformation was a proper understanding of Law and Gospel. Understanding God and His Word required an understanding of the relationship between Law and Gospel.

The Law, we were taught, had three uses. The First Use of the Law was as a curb. Its design insured a universal understanding of right and wrong that would make living in a civilized society possible. All people should know that it is wrong to lie, cheat, steal and kill. The Law as curb empowered government with its most important role, to reward good and punish evil. We were also taught that the Law as curb had no spiritual value, and so could and

would not lead us closer to God.

The Second Use of the Law was that of a mirror. Here the Law would reflect back to us the true extent of our sinfulness. We were not to compare our lives and righteousness to that of others; but only to the pure and perfect Word of God. In this capacity, the Law became a condemner to us. We all fall short of the glory of God, and so stand under His judgment. If this were where the Word of God stopped speaking, we would only despair, because there would be no help or hope for us. Yet, the spiritual value of the Law comes into focus exactly here. The Law drives us to hear and want to receive the Gospel.

This is where the

Gospel suddenly and wonderfully intrudes into our lives of sin and failure. All that the Law takes away from us, the Gospel restores. All that the Law threatens us with, the Gospel speaks to us about God's comfort. We are saved and restored by the Gospel to a living and loving relationship with our God.

And this is where the Third Use of the Law comes forward. Having been blessed with forgiveness and love, we are moved to respond in a positive way toward our God. The Law as a guide leads us exactly in that direction. No longer condemning us because of sin, the Law now guides us in righteousness. And where does it guide us? It guides us into **THANKSLIVING!**



That should be our thought for the month of November. This is more than the month of Thanksgiving, it is also the month of **THANKSLIVING.**

We are to live out of our salvation with the greatest of thankfulness.

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Sunday School News

In November, Sunday School Students continue to see and learn about how God's promise of the Messiah was passed to Abraham and his family.

Class meets from 10:30-11:15 AM Sundays November 12, 19, and 26.

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

Please contact Director of Family

Ministry, Amy Heuer, with any questions.

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



Handchimes

Hand Chime Choir

The Hand Chime Choir has been hard at work for the past month learning their first song. The choir will play, "Jesus Loves Me,"

during the 25th Anniversary program on Sunday, November 5. All other children are invited to sing a long! Rehearsals

continue each Sunday in November immediately following the worship service.



Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 continue to meet each Monday in November from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Please contact Director of Family Ministry, Amy Heuer, or Pastor Tom if you have questions or have a

student you would like to attend these classes.



December Trinity Truth Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the December edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, November 21. Please bring written items into the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com.

25th Anniversary Sunday- November 5

Please join us on November 5th for the 25th Anniversary celebration. It's a great honor to have been able to worship in Fountain Hills for a quarter of a century. Our guest, Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau, President of the LCMS Pacific Southwest District, will give the sermon. The choir has practiced for a special performance and the children will perform the inaugural sounds of chimes. The Inreach team with, Debbie's

leadership, has prepared a festive setting for this occasion. China, linens, crystal and flowers will decorate the fellowship hall as well as additional outside seating under the shade cover. A delicious brunch will be served by our member, Jim, and we will toast the occasion with punch and our own version of a Mimosa. Marina Riggins will entertain with her special sounds in the background. Reservations are



required so that we can get the seating and the amount of food best coordinated for you. Missed the reservation deadline? Please call Debbie **No later than October 29** to make sure there is a seat and a meal for you.

Thanksgiving Dinner with Friends

For anyone whose family and/or friends are celebrating Thanksgiving elsewhere- you are invited to share a meal and fellowship on Thanksgiving day at 4:00 PM at Trinity. To make the meal festive for

everyone, please bring your own place setting (no paper or plastic) to set an eclectic Thanksgiving table. Dinner will be catered and a free will offering will be collected. Please contact Christine if you have



any questions or want to be included by Thursday, November 16, so that enough food can be ordered for the group.

Season of Giving

Toys for Foster Kids - Lutheran Social Services



Trinity is helping to collect new toys for children ages 0-11 years (to be given to kids in the foster care system through Lutheran Social Services) and wrapping supplies. Please have all donations to Trinity no later than

10:00 AM on Monday, November 6.

Lutheran Social Services is also looking for additional volunteers to help transport gifts to their office in Phoenix, wrap gifts on December 7 at

3:00 PM at LSS, and help out with the Winter Wonderland Party on December 16.

Please contact Kim or Amy if you have any questions.

Operation Christmas Child



There is still time to pack a shoebox and help Trinity reach their goal of filling 125 boxes-Helping 125 children hear the story of God's great love for them! Shoeboxes and instructions on how to pack a shoebox are available at Trinity. Pick up yours today!

Trinity is the drop off site for OCC shoe boxes in Fountain Hills during national collection week, November 13-20.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off during the following times:

**NOVEMBER 13-
*9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 14-
*9:00 AM- NOON**

**NOVEMBER 15-
*9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 16-
*9:00 AM -NOON**

**NOVEMBER 17-
*9:00 AM-NOON**

**NOVEMBER 18-
*10:00 AM-NOON**

**NOVEMBER 19-
*11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

**NOVEMBER 20-
* 9:00 AM-11:00AM**

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

Please sign up to help on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Volunteers are also needed to help take the boxes to Scottsdale Bible Church around NOON on Monday, November 21. If you would be able to help transport boxes, please contact Amy Heuer.

Extended Hands Food Bank Collection

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 black receptacle by the kitchen entrance.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Thank You!

A Great BIG Thank You to everyone who helped out the ministry to the homeless through Lutheran Social Services!

Trinity collected 36 Adult Personal Care Kits, 8 Children's Personal Care Kits, 33 Bath Towels, 24 Wash Clothes, and multiple Travel

Sized Toiletries. Thanks for your generosity!



Community Blood Drive-November 17-18

Find the **hero** in you.

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR BLOOD DONORS!

Hear the Sweet Sound of Saving Lives

Donate blood and you will receive a voucher for ONE ticket to a concert, courtesy of The Phoenix Symphony.

Fountain Hills & Noon Kiwanis Community Blood Drive

Friday, November 17, & Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Community Center - 480-816-5200

Call Dr. Liz Smith at 480-837-2600 & 480-206-4785 (Cell) & Paul Appeldorn at 480-836-8213 or visit www.BloodHero.com (Sponsor code: Kiwanis)



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1-877-UBS-HERO (827-4376)
www.UnitedBloodServices.org

Eligibility Questions? Call 1-800-288-2199 X5497



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Link to online Calendar:

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



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

Everyone is invited to join us in giving special thanks and praise to the Lord for all He has done for and given to us on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM in the**

Sanctuary. Immediately following the service, join us for the annual Pie Social in the Fellowship Room.

You are welcome to bring a pie to share

or just come and join in the tasting and fellowship.

We hope to see you there!



Family Wreath Project



Each family unit at Trinity is invited to decorate a wreath with the theme, "Jesus, Name Above All Names."

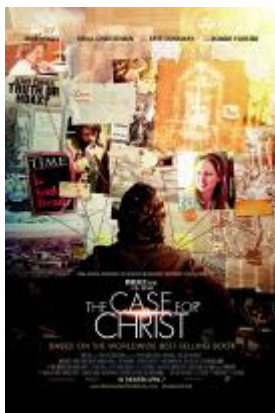
These wreaths will adorn our church sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season. Wreaths will be

available from Trinity beginning Sunday, November 12.

Please decorate your wreath and return it to church by Saturday, December 2.

Please contact Amy Heuer with any questions.

Option- Bring your ideas and items and join others at 11:15 AM on Sunday, November 26, to decorate your wreath in the Fellowship Room.



Case for Christ at Community Church of the Verdes

The Community Church of the Verdes invites members and friends of Trinity to a showing of the movie, "The Case For Christ," on

Sunday, November 19, beginning at 3:00 PM. Following the presentation, folks are welcome to discuss and debrief the movie over light refreshments.

Community Church of the Verdes is located at 25603 N. Danny Lane in Rio Verde.

LWML Craft Workshop and Boutique Planning

**Women of Trinity-
Join us for the final
Craft Workshop
that will be held
Saturday,
November 11, from
2:00-5:00 PM at
Suzanne's home.**

Please plan to attend and finish any crafts that you are working on for the boutique. Please contact Suzanne if you plan

to attend.



**Saturday,
November 18,
LWML meeting**

beginning at 10:00 AM.

We will be having a devotion followed by a brief business meeting which will include planning for the December 9, Christmas Craft Boutique and Cookie Walk! We hope you will be able to join us to help with this exciting event!



Outdoor Nativity Set Up

**On Monday,
November 27,
beginning at 8:00 AM-** The life-sized Nativity will set-up on the east side of the parking lot. This job requires some

muscle, so we are looking for many hands to help us set up!

After the set up is complete, as a thank you for

helping and to enjoy some good company, a delicious breakfast will be served.



Christmas Tree Set Up

**Thursday,
November 30, 6:00 PM,** a few strong people are needed 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.

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.

Please contact Dianne or Pam if you are interested or have questions.



Looking Ahead to December

Mark your calendars now!

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING IN THE
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December 2	DECK THE HALLS OF TRINITY- 9:00 AM
December 3	WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS- WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:30 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 9:15 AM
December 3	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING- 9:15 AM
December 6, 13, & 20	ADVENT SUPPERS- 5:30 AM ADVENT WORSHIP-7:00 PM
December 9	CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE & COOKIE WALK-9:00 AM
December 10	FINAL 2ND SUNDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (DWIGHT VILHAUER GUEST SPEAKER)
December 17	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE 10:30 AM
December 24	WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM-4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 5:00 & 9:00 PM
December 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP- 8:00 & 10:30 AM

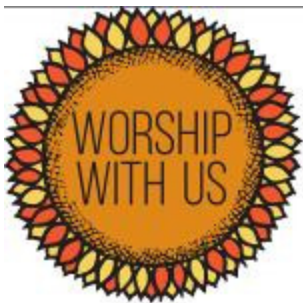


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November Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by Fellowship

10:30 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service w/Communion

7:00 PM Wednesday, November 22

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