



# *The Trinity Truth*

December 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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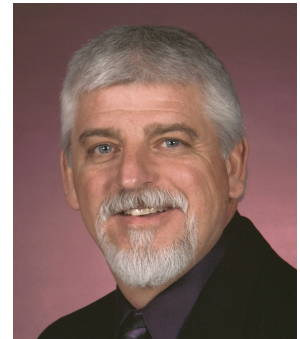
## **THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE**

Love has been a theme for many a poet or song writer. It is a universal human need and desire. Without love we perish. With love we seem to bloom and prosper. But, what exactly is love? Where does it come from? How is it best shared and demonstrated?

In a marvelous book, [The Five Love Languages](#), Dr. Gary Chapman describes the gift of love being expressed in five unique ways: time spent together, words of affirmation, acts of service, physical touch, and gift giving. His thesis is that everyone catches on to one aspect of the expression of love better than all the others. He calls it, “our primary love language”. Each of us needs to hear and experience love in the language we best understand.

With this in mind, our focus this Advent will be God’s wonderful and unique way of expressing His love for us through each of these love languages. As we learn to hear the language of love from our Lord, we will be better equipped to express our own love for one another.

This is the heart and theme of our Advent and Christmas celebration. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son.” And, “As He has loved us, so we should love one another.” We pray that this season will be a time for you to grow in your appreciation of God’s special love for you, and your ability to share that love with each other.



Special Advent Services begin on Wednesday evening at 7PM, November 30th, with the Love Language of TIME.

See you then, as we share in God’s love!

*Pastor Tom*

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## Sunday School News



### Children's Christmas Program

Group rehearsals for the program will be held on Sunday mornings, December 4 and 11, from 9:15-10:15AM.

We will present the program at Trinity's Celebration of Christmas on the afternoon of December 11, beginning at 4:00PM.

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 Monday, December 5 and 12, from 3:45-4:45PM. There will be no classes on December 19 or 26. Classes are open to all 5th-8th graders.

## Women of Trinity Christmas Party

All women of Trinity are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 13, for a Christmas party beginning at 7:00PM.

The women of the LWML group will be hosting the celebration. Come for a wonderful time of Christian Fellowship and sharing, delicious Christmas goodies, and a mug exchange.

The mug exchange is optional.

- If you would like to participate in the mug exchange, please bring a mug (can be one you already have, just make sure it is not cracked, chipped, etc).
- Place a piece of paper with your name, birthday, and any special



prayer requests you may have for the year.

- Bring the mug with you to the party in a plain paper bag.
- Mugs will be exchanged and you will pray for the person whose mug you received during 2012.

## 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 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.*



### Newsletter Deadline



**The deadline for the January edition of the Trinity Truth will be December 12.**

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



## Christmas Decorating

Please come help us decorate the inside of the church building on Saturday, December 3, at 9:00AM.

## Celebration of Christmas

On Sunday, December 11, Trinity's Celebration of Christmas will begin at 4:00PM with Children of the congregation presenting a short program followed by a delicious catered meal.

Please sign up to attend this event by Sunday, December 4. The event is free to attend, but a free will offering will be taken to help offset costs.

## 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 in the church narthex.



## Family Advent Wreath



All Family Units (single, married w/ kids, married w/o kids, etc) are invited to decorate a wreath that will be displayed as part of Trinity's Christmas decorations this year.

The theme is, "Families Make Christmas Brighter." Wreaths are available from the church office and

decorated wreaths should be returned to church by 9:00AM on December 3.

Please do not attach anything permanently to the wreath as we would like to be able to re-use the wreaths next year.

For more information get a flyer at church or contact Bill Muelhauser or Amy Heuer.

## Christmas Angel Tree

This year we are again supporting the LCMS Hispanic mission in Phoenix with our gifts for children in need. There are still children available to be sponsored. If you have al-



ready chosen a child, please be sure to bring the gifts back to church by Sunday, December 11.

## Advent Worship Services



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.

## Dine Out Event



On Saturday, December 10, we will go to Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre in Mesa for "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" Lunch begins at 11:45AM and the show follows at 1:15PM. Carpool is available from Trinity and will leave at 11:00AM.

## Stewardship Corner

Many members experienced joy and blessing by becoming “**Tithe Boosters**,” increasing their offerings by 10 percent for this year. As you grow in the grace of giving, you are encouraged to consider becoming a “**Tithe Booster**” once again in 2012 by increasing your planned giving by another 10 percent. You

will be doubly blessed as you serve and support our mission and ministry cheerfully and generously.



Early in 2012, we will begin a focus on the stewardship of life. As we consider the Christian management of all life’s resources, may God grant us grace and growth as His stewards.

Your fellow steward,  
*Pastor Jim Brockmann,*  
**Stewardship Chairman**

## Extended Hands Food Bank Collection

During the month of December, we will continue to collect (Non-perishable) holiday meal items (pumpkin, cranberries, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, etc...) for the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills.

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!



## Lutheran Church Extension Fund



*Interested in a TRUE investment? Your investments in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) earn interest, but they are also an investment in*

*the church and helping others. Your investment dollars are used to fund loans to churches, schools, new mission starts, child care centers, and rostered church workers. Help share the good news of Jesus by becoming an investor.*

*Ask your congregation representative, Lloyd Powers, for more information, or call 1-800-843-5233.*

## Trinity Lutheran Leadership

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*Office Volunteer*



Link to online calendar:

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



*Poinsettias will again add a festive colors to our church during the Christmas season.*

If you would like to contribute a poinsettia plant for our altar, please sign up on the form located on the front counter in the narthex.

Cost for each plant is \$10.



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## December Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings at 8:00AM and 10:30AM with Sunday School and Bible Study in between at 9:15AM

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00PM  
Midweek Advent Service

Saturday, December 24, 5:00PM  
Christmas Eve Family Service

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00PM  
Midweek Advent Service

Saturday, December 24, 10:00PM  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Complimentary Advent Suppers will be served on  
Wednesday evenings,  
December 7 and 14, beginning at 5:30PM.

Sunday, December 25, 10:30AM  
Christmas Day Celebration Worship

Saturday, December 31, 7:00PM  
New Year's Eve Worship

## Bible Studies

*Sunday Morning at 9:15AM 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.*