

The Trinity Truth

February 2018



FOR THE LOVE OF REPENTANCE



Opportunities to get involved this month:

- Serve at Feed My Starving Children- February 3; p. 3
- Help out with or shop at the Garage Sale- February 10; p.7
- Donate items for Extended Hands Food Bank ; p. 4
- Pray for Tony and Julie and their team's mission trip through Groundwork Guatemala

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February 2018 will be a unique month. Normally we celebrate our loved ones on the 14th, Valentine's Day. This year that same day will also be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. What a clash of polar opposites-until we think a little deeper on the matter. Ash Wednesday begins our journey with Jesus toward the Cross. It is exactly there in His sacrifice that we see demonstrated the full extent of God's love for us. It seems fitting then that both occur on the same day. We will have hearts of love for each other, and the heart of God's love for us. But there is also another connection we

would do well to recognize. Each of us should also love and embrace repentance. Repentance is the recognition that we are sinners in need of rescue. As St. Paul said, "Here is a trustworthy statement, worthy of acceptance by all: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst." (1 Timothy 1:15) It is our repentance that places us in contact with the love that God has for us in our Savior. Without repentance we are separated from God's love because we are saying that we have no need of Jesus and His sacrifice. So it is all the more fitting that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day happen

at the same time. As we look forward to the beginning of Lent, don't forget to plan on being part of our special midweek offerings. Each Wednesday evening we will gather for worship at 7 PM. A special meal and time for fellowship will precede each service. We have also chosen the theme of Jesus' parables to guide us in our Lenten journey. As in the past, we draw strength and confidence in our journey to the Cross from God's Word and each other. Here is to loving another Lenten season. Pastor Tom

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Sunday School News



Students will continue to learn about, "Jesus, the King," in February.

On Sunday, February 11, students will be making Valentine Cards for our members and friends who are shut-in or have recently lost loved ones. Students will also be able to make a card

for grandparents or another family member who is far away. Please bring the address with you to class on that day.

Class meets from 9:30-10:15 AM. Children age 5 through grade 6 are welcome to join the class.

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry, with any questions or if you would like to help out with this ministry!

Youth Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 will meet on Mondays February 5, 12, and 26. There will not be class on President's day, February 19.

Zip Line, Bubble Balls,

meeting new friends, learning about Jesus, amazing games and more... Does this sound fun?? Plan to join us at this year's Jr. High Camp, May 24-27, 2018 at Tonto Rim Christian

Camp in Payson.

Talk to the Director of Family Ministry for more info.

St. Olaf Choir in the Valley



The St. Olaf Choir, under the direction of Anton Armstrong, will make a stop in

Paradise Valley on Sunday, February 11, at 3:00 PM. The concert will be held at Camelback Bible Church (3900 E. Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ). Ticket prices range

from \$30-\$40 for adults and \$10 for students. For tickets please call 800-363-5487 or visit their website: www.stolaf.edu/tickets

Feed My Starving Children

Last year, in celebration of our 25th anniversary, Trinity made an effort to raise \$6,000 to sponsor 25,000 meals for kids who are starving in other parts of the world through Feed My Starving Children. **There is still time for**

you to join us at FMSC in Mesa on Saturday, February 3, from 9:00-11:00 AM to pack these meals that our monies provided.

A carpool will leave Trinity at 8:15 AM.

Please contact the

Director of Family Ministry as soon as possible if you would like to join the team or visit this link for online sign up: <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=1283893>



Lent at Trinity

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Services will be held at 12 NOON and 7:00 PM. Both services will offer imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. For each of the five

following Wednesdays, worship services will be held at 7:00 PM. This year our theme will be, "The Parables of Lent." Each week we will focus on a familiar biblical parable that weaves a

unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. Join us as we explore God's Word together this Lenten season.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on Wednesday evenings February 14- March 21 from 5:45-6:30 PM.

Three volunteers are needed each week to prepare a large crock pot of soup (crock

pots are available to borrow from Trinity, if you do not have your own) **and also help with set up and clean up after the meals.**

Please sign up on the poster in the hallway if you are willing to serve

in this capacity.

Please contact Christine or Grace if you have any questions.





Poinsettia Thank You

Thank you everyone who donated Poinsettia plants to Trinity this Christmas!

Thanks especially to Al and Joy and Dick and Debby for arranging

pick up of the plants, making a wonderful Poinsettia display on the altar area and for taking care of watering the plants as they decorated the sanctuary!

You did a wonderful job and we all share our thanks with you!

Un-Deck the Halls Thank You



Thank you to all who helped take down Christmas decorations both inside and outside at Trinity. Your help made the jobs go smoothly and quickly and we appreciate all of you!

Extended Hands Food Bank



This quarter, in addition to gathering nonperishable food items for Extended Hands Food Bank, we are also collecting paper goods (toilet paper, paper towel,

tissues, etc.) Please place all donations in the black receptacle near the kitchen entrance door. Thank you in advance for giving generously!

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Link to online Calendar:

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

Prayers for Guatemala Mission Team

Please keep Tony and Julie along with their team in your prayers as they travel to Guatemala this month!!



Thank You

Thank you to Kim and her team of volunteers for putting together a display table and sharing Trinity with members of the community at the recent Activity and Volunteer Expo.

Your enthusiasm about your Trinity family is contagious and a great draw to the community at large.



Yoga Session Starting Soon

Tuesdays beginning February 13th and ending March 20th (no class Feb. 20th) **Alignment Yoga** is gaining popularity because it honors both the traditions of this ancient practice and the uniqueness of our body composition

making this style of yoga accessible to many more people. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or new to yoga this class is for you. Each week you will learn a variety of techniques and poses which, when practiced with consistency, will

foster improved comfort, stability, and flexibility in both your body and mind helping you live your best life for the rest of your life. **Contact Linda Rode (480-868-8023) to sign up for this class. Cost is \$60/entire session or \$15/class.**



Garage Sale- February 10



Trinity's LWML is having a garage sale February 10th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

We will be accepting children's clothing in good condition, books, electronics, furniture, games, household items, pictures, picture frames, seasonal items, glassware, jewelry, only new adult clothing, etc.

Items can be dropped off on Sunday, February 4, after the 10:30 AM service. The final deadline for dropping off items is Monday, February 5, at 5:00 PM.

Volunteer help is needed to sort items during the week. Cashiers, people to straighten tables, and people to clean up will be needed on the

day of the event.

Proceeds from this event will go towards a respite and lunch program for the homeless this summer.

Please contact Debbie with any questions.

All women are invited to join in the next LWML meeting on Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 AM. Come learn about upcoming happenings and hear a report on the garage sale.



Sunshine Acres Update

On January 20, 13 ladies from TLC visited Sunshine Acres, a safe Christian home for children who are separated from their parents. A \$500 gift was handed to our tour host, Carol.

There are seven homes that house a total of 70 children with home parents on site. The facility is a work in progress and privately funded. Their goal is to give homes to 240

children. It's a wonderful and humbling journey. Not to be missed is their huge thrift shop that generates funds from the resale of donated items.



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February Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

8:00 AM Worship

Followed by Fellowship

9:30 AM Christian Education for all ages

10:30 AM Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

Lent begins February 14

Ash Wednesday Worship services with imposition of ashes and

Holy Communion at 12 NOON & 7:00 PM.

Subsequent Wednesdays at 7:00 PM only (No Holy Communion at these services)

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

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

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