

Trinity Lutheran Church

# Trinity Truth

March 2013

## HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The true story is told of a plan hatched in the Soviet Union to destroy all vestiges of the Christian religion. (As you may know, before the communist take over, that country was called "Holy Russia".) The plan was simple. They would dispatch a leading party official to mock and ridicule the faith in front of an assembled crowd; and all this before the presiding Christian Bishop of the area. When the party official had spent several hours in this endeavor, to show a sense of fairness, the Bishop

would be given ten minutes to respond. All was going according to plan. The party official had done a masterful job of arguing the people out of their faith. To his own satisfaction he had proved that there was no longer any God, nor any need for God. He had told them that the Scriptures were a fairy tale, and no reasonable person believed them anymore. With a sense of triumph he turned to the Bishop and informed him that he now had ten minutes for rebuttal. The Bishop stood, and

calmly informed the official that he wouldn't even need a minute. He looked at the people in their collective eye and simply said, "He is risen!" And all the people responded, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

The party official was defeated. The plan was a failure. All this because of a simple statement of fact.

In our day and age, in our community, there are those who are still trying to convince people that the Word of God is not to be trusted. They describe the Christian Church



and Faith as antiquated and out of fashion. They tell us that the miracles that sustain our confidence never happened. They have set themselves up in direct opposition to God Himself. Their ultimate goal is the complete destruction of the faith held by Christians for countless generations.

They too will see defeat. Their plan will likewise come to nothing. And all because of a simple word, "**INDEED!**"

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### Easter Sunday



All children are invited to join us on Sunday, March 31, for some fun Easter activities beginning at 9:45 AM.

### Sunday School News

We invite all children (age 3-grade 8) to join us each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 AM. Friends are always welcome! This month's topics are as follows:



#### Elementary and Youth Classes

- March 3—Jesus Feeds Five Thousand
- March 10— Jesus Seeks the Lost

- March 17— Jesus is Anointed
- March 24— The Lord's Supper
- March 31—Easter Celebration

#### Preschool and Kindergarten Class

- March 3— Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray
- March 10— Jesus Rides into Jerusalem
- March 17— Jesus in Gethsemane
- March 24— Jesus is Crucified
- March 31—Easter Celebration

### Middle School News



**Summer Camp** dates are May 30-June 2. We will be joining other LCMS youth at Tonto Rim Christian Camp near Payson. Cost is \$139 per person. More information coming soon! Please contact Amy Heuer if you are

interested in attending this event.



**Youth Confirmation Classes** continue to meet on Monday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 PM. **Please note there will be no classes on March 11.**

### April Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for the April edition of the Trinity Truth will be Friday, March 15, 2013.

**Pastor Tom’s Article Continued...**

Our Easter proclamation is not the expression of a personal sentiment or hope. It is not what we wish might have happened.

It is a bold statement of fact. It is the announcement of the truth. **“INDEED!”** says it all.

Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth in the 15th chapter, “If Christ be not raised, your faith is futile. You are still in your sins.” And a little later on he added that if the resurrection were not true, “We, of all men, are most to be pitied. We have

believed a lie.” Know that on Easter Sunday we will join with Christians everywhere in declaring the truth that will never be extinguished. **HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

A blessed Easter to all!  
*Pastor Tom*

**Trinity Family Picnic**

Everyone is invited to the Trinity Family picnic, which will be held on Sunday, March 24, from 3:00-6:00 PM at Rio Verde Ranch. Burgers, brats, buns, condiments, and chips will be provided. We ask that you bring your

own plates, eating utensils, and drinks. If you would like to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, please indicate your intention on the poster outside of Amy Heuer’s office at church. We hope you will be able

to join us!



**Easter Breakfast**

We are looking for volunteers to help with preparation and clean up of Easter Breakfast (Sunday, March 31). Please sign up on the poster in the narthex or contact Grace Kahl if you would like to help by making deviled eggs, an egg casserole, or

coffee cake. We are also looking for volunteers that will help with set up on Saturday, March 30, at 9:00 AM or clean up on Sunday morning after the breakfast. We greatly appreciate any help given!

*Everyone is welcome to share in the breakfast on March 31 in between worship services (beginning at about 9:15 AM). We hope to see you there!*



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**Link to online Calendar:**

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



**Extended Hands Food Bank**

During the first quarter of 2013 we are collecting *cereals and soups* for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Any donations of nonperishable food items are appreciated!

The inreach team would like to thank all of the contributors for their generous and creative dishes that appear each Sunday and now throughout the Lenten Soup Suppers. We have had the opportunity to taste many outstanding delicacies from very creative chefs. It is fellowship at its best. Thank You!



*Christine Colley - Inreach Chair*



A special thank you to Bill Muehlhauser for his years of dedicated service and creativity in decorating the bulletin boards at Trinity.

Thanks also to Cherie Ringer and Debby Wade for updating the bulletin boards for the spring season!

### Lenten Soup Suppers

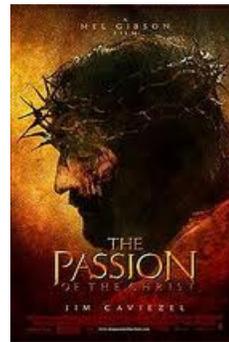


Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 6, 13, and 20) for delicious soup suppers. Soup will be served from 5:30 PM until about 6:15 PM. We hope to see you there!

We are looking for four or five volunteers each week that will prepare soups (a large Crock-Pot full). If you don't have a large Crock-Pot or kettle, you may borrow one from Trinity. Please sign up on the poster outside of Amy Heuer's office if you are willing to help out.

### Movie Night

The movie, "The Passion of The Christ," will be shown on Thursday evening, March 21, beginning at 6:30 PM. Invite your friends to see this very moving story of Christ's death and resurrection. Popcorn and refreshments will be available. *Please note that due to its graphic nature, this is an R-rated movie. Even though Christ died for kids, we don't recommend they see this movie without their parents' full knowledge and approval.*



### LWML



The ladies of LWML will be meeting on Saturday, March 16, at 10:00 AM in the conference room at Trinity. There will be a short business meeting, devotions, and we will be getting the Easter handouts ready to give out at Fountain View Village as well as at Trinity on Easter Sunday!

Bring your Mite Collections with you to church on Sunday, March 17. Mites will be collected at both worship services.

### Easter Flowers



If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the altar on Easter Sunday, please sign up on the main desk in the narthex. Cost will be approximately \$12. Watch for complete details beginning March 3.

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## March Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:00 AM

Followed by Fellowship Time

Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:30 AM

Worship at 10:30 AM

## Special Lent and Holy Week Services

Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20 Soup Supper at 5:30 PM *followed by* Worship at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday (March 28) Worship at 7:00 PM

Good Friday (March 29) Worship at 12 NOON and 7:00 PM

## Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 9:30 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