

The Trinity Truth

March 2018

Opportunities to get involved this month:

- Mid-week Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship Services- March 7, 14, & 21
- LWML Meeting- March 24

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HOPE

As I sit down to write this article we as a nation are reeling from another senseless act of violence. In Florida, a deranged gunman targeted school children in a merciless act of murder and terror. As a people we are dumbfounded by such actions. We are questioning how this could happen; how it could be prevented in the future; what prompts someone to act so destructively and inhumanely; and if we will soon receive news like this again, only from a different location.

Society will debate and wrangle with these questions for quite some time. The answers and solutions will be difficult to find and implement. Sadly, as the days pass, so will our collective memory, and these most recent tragedies

will be replaced by others.

We live in a sin filled world. Sin is more than just a few missteps or mistakes. It is a powerful force bent on destruction and death. After the September 11 attacks, then President Bush was quoted as saying, "We have seen the face of evil." He was right.

In this most recent tragedy we have also seen the face of evil. We will continue to see evil in every plot, plan, and scheme of the Devil. He desires our destruction and ruination. He is the ultimate cause of all sorrow, heartache, and tragedy. But the good news is that he has been overcome!

The victory Jesus won for us over Satan and sin is what gives us hope. If not for this victory, we would

have nothing to look forward to but increasing violence and death. But the victory has been won, and now we have heaven and glory waiting for us. Even more, as the Word of God and faith in Jesus are proclaimed, the evil that fills this world is being confronted. Jesus himself said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) And so we take heart and remain hope filled. We lift up sorrowing families and traumatized people in our prayers. We keep looking for the ultimate victory that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Tom



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Sunday School News

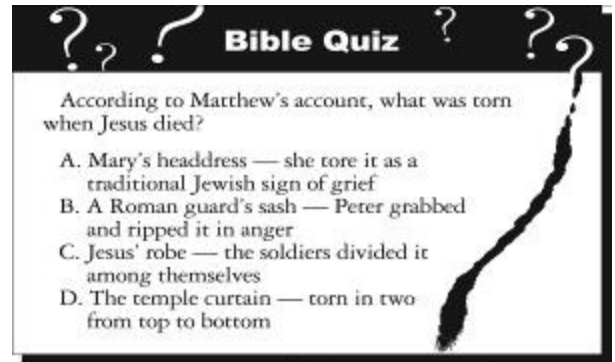


This month students will be finishing up their unit on, "Jesus, The King!" All of the lessons are leading up to learning about Jesus' ultimate power over death as they hear the true story of Jesus

dying and rising from the dead.

Class meets from 9:30-10:15 AM. Children age 4 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!



Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51)

Did you know?

Students in the 6th grade class are studying the Old Testament this year! They just finished learning about the exodus from Egypt.

Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 meet Monday afternoons from 4:00 -5:00 PM.

Please note that there will be no class on Monday, March 12. Enjoy your Spring Break!



May 24-27, 2018

Tonto Rim Christian Camp- Payson AZ

Remember- Like and Follow Trinity on Facebook



Trinity has an official Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, take a minute to stop over to <https://www.facebook.com/tlcfhaz/> to like follow our page. You will get updates and reminders about happenings at Trinity as well as other chances to connect with fellow members and share what is happening at Trinity with your friends!

Serve as an Usher

Did you know that ushers do more than ush? Ushers help the worship services run smoothly and play an important part in greeting and helping members and guests feel welcome each week. One of the most special and important

ways you can serve our congregation is by serving as an usher during the worship services. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Steve. Opportunities are available for the month of March.



Lenten Soup Suppers and Services Continue

Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship Services continue on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, and 21 at 5:45 PM and 7:00 PM respectively.

You are invited to join us for an array of delightful and delectable

soups followed by a time of worship and precious time in God's Word as we continue through The Parables of Lent!

March 7- The Parable of the Good Samaritan

March 14- The Parable

of the Workers in the Vineyard

March 21- The Parable of the Prodigal Son

We hope you will join us as we learn more about the mercy, grace, and forgiveness of God.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to make soup for Lenten Suppers! You have blessed us with your cooking talents!

Preparing for Easter

Easter Altar Flowers- Spring flowers will adorn our altar on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of the plants, please sign up on the sheet on the desk in the Narthex. Cost is \$15.

Easter Breakfast- This Easter Sunday, April 1, we will be serving egg dishes and assorted coffee cakes after the 8:00 AM worship service. Volunteers are needed to bring in these food items to share. Contact Christine with questions.



Community Choir Fest



Come support Trinity's Voices of Praise Choir as they perform at the annual Fountain Hills Choir Fest on Sunday, March 18!

This event will be held at the Fountain Hills

Community Center beginning at 2:00 PM. Performances by other church choirs, the Community Chorus, and a mass choir piece will cap off the event.

This event is free to attend and open to the

public!

We hope to see you there!

New Journey, Church of the Ascension, and Shepherd of the Hills are hosting this event open to the entire community!

Food for Kidz

You are invited to join in the 8th Annual Fountain Hills Community Food Pack on Thursday, March 15, from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Volunteers will be packing two different dehydrated meals

breakfast (oatmeal) and lunch/ dinner (soup) through the Food for Kidz organization. All ages are welcome and there is no cost to participate.

Pre-registration is not required, but if you want to serve at the



same table as your friends, please arrive at the same time. Please contact 480-383-9193 if you have any questions.



Extended Hands Food Bank

Continued thanks to those who give so generously to the food bank!

This quarter, in addition to gathering nonperishable food items for Extended

Hands Food Bank, we are collecting paper goods (toilet paper, paper towel, tissues, etc.)

Please place all donations in the black receptacle near the kitchen entrance door.



Link to online Calendar:

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

Thank You

I want to thank all of you in this loving congregation for the prayers and concern for me during my convalescence.

I received so many,

many cards, food, flowers and visits, including one from a special teddy bear.

Thank you all very much.

Lois



Thank You

Thank you for all the lovely cards, thoughts and expressions of love and sympathy after the death of my sister. They were all very

much appreciated by me and my family!

God's blessings,

Grace



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25, Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 am.

Christian Education at 9:30 AM.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, Worship with Communion at

7:00 PM. Good Friday, March 30, Worship services at 12:00 NOON and 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 1, Worship services at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Breakfast served in between services. No Christian education classes.



Garage Sale Wrap up and other LWML News

Amazing!



Thank you to everyone who helped out with Trinity's recent garage sale!

Thanks to those who donated items, those who helped sort and organize items, those who served on the day of the sale, and those who came to shop! We appreciate all of you! The sale raised \$2,389.14 for the

Summer Heat Respite Program in Phoenix. This would not have happened without your caring, generous, and serving hearts! Thank you!

The next LWML meeting will be on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 AM. All women of Trinity are welcome and

encouraged to attend.

LWML Mite collection will be held on Sunday, March 25. Please bring your filled mite boxes with you to church on that day.

Pictured here are some of the Garage Sale volunteers and Clean Up Crew. Great work, Everybody!!



April Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the April edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, March 20. Please bring written items to the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com. Thanks!

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March 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.

Wednesday Evenings

March 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 PM

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 30, at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

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