

The Trinity Truth

T r i n i t y L u t h e r a n C h u r c h

I N G O D W E T R U S T



I am a huge fan of history. I especially enjoy when commentators or programs offer the insights of, “On this day in history”. It seems to ground things we often take for granted in a context that causes them to come alive and make more sense. Emblazoned on the money that we use today is the motto: **“In God We Trust”**. Did you know that it was on April 22, 1864 that the United States Congress authorized the Director of the Mint to begin using this motto on all coins of

the United States? This was originally suggested by a clergyman, the Rev. M. R. Watkinson. Think about this for a moment. 1864 is almost exactly one year before the end of the Civil War. Our nation was being torn asunder. Many had lost hope because they reasoned that those things which divided us as citizens were more powerful than anything that could possibly reunite us. Many had come to question how God could bless a nation so hopelessly at odds against itself. With all the death,

deprivation, suffering, and confusion; who could blame the citizens of our land for losing their confidence.

But they didn’t lose their confidence, not in the sovereignty of God! In those dark days they gave a collective confession of their abiding faith: **In God We Trust!**

May God grant in our day leaders who recognize the inherent necessity of spiritual faith and guidance. We are asked continually to renew our strength as a nation, and place our trust in those elected to lead us.

Yet, there comes a time when difficulties and problems seem overwhelming; and our leaders disappoint us by failing in their promises. At such times we need to remember the simple motto that has been such an active part of our everyday lives: **In God We Trust.**

As the Psalmist says: “In You they trusted and were not disappointed.”
Psalm 22:5

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Sunday School

In April, the elementary class will learn about Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost. The pre-k/ k class will learn about Jesus' resurrection and the appearances

Jesus made to his friends and others after His resurrection.

Join us each Sunday in April from 9:30-10:15 AM.

Friends are always welcome!



Middle School News



Confirmation classes for youth in 5th-8th grades meet each Monday in April. With the final class of the year happening on April 25.

Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated on May 1, at 9:00 AM.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the May edition of The Trinity Truth newsletter is Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Please bring written items to the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com.



Community Choir Fest

On Sunday, April 3, Trinity's Voices of Praise will be participating in the annual Fountain Hills Choir Fest.

You are cordially invited to come hear Voices of Praise and

other choirs from the community.

The festival will begin at 2:00 PM at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church (13001 N. Fountain Hills Blvd.).



Choir Fest

We hope you will join us there!

- Trinity Lutheran Leadership
- Pastor**
Pastor Tom Daly
- Pastoral Staff**
Amy Heuer
- Dir. Of Family Ministry**
Joani Peterson
- Organist**
Michael Sample
- Voices of Praise & Bell Choir Director**
Carolyn Hallock
- Secretary**
- Lay Leaders**
Derrick Schroeder
- President**
Todd Wittlinger
- Vice President**
Linda Winters
- Secretary**
JoAnn Cegon
- Treasurer**
Jan Visser
- Financial Secretary**
Lee Skistad
- Chair, Administration**
Natalie Wallace
- Chair, Bd. Of Education**
Christine Colley
- Chair, Bd. Of Inreach**
Andrea Lawson
- Chair, Bd. Of Outreach**
Carol Campbell
- Chair, Bd. of Stewardship**
Peter Wildeman
- Chair, Bd. Of Trustees**
Roger Riggert
- Head Elder**
Al Axelson
Doug Boyer
Bob Edgren
Darrell Kahl
Steve Krause
Hal Lucas
Corky Petersen
Dan Peterson
- Elders**

On-going Bible Studies

A reminder of current Bible Studies in progress at Trinity.

The **Sunday morning** class meets from 9:30-10:15 AM in the Trinity Sanctuary. They are currently studying **the book of Acts.**

The **Tuesday morning class** is studying **the book of Hebrews.** The class meets from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Room at Trinity.

Both of these classes are open to all adults and are lead by Pastor Tom.

The **Women's Bible Study group** meets **on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month** (Sunday School classroom on the 2nd Tuesday and Conference Room on 4th Tuesday). The group is currently studying, **"12 Women of the Bible-- Life-**



Changing Stories for Women Today."

Discussion is facilitated by Director of Family Ministry, Amy Heuer.

We encourage you to join us as you are able in any of these studies.



Vacant Lot Planting Update

The vacant TLC lot now looks better than any area surrounding it. This is thanks to everyone who helped replant and re-seed the lot last spring to meet town re-vegetation requirements after the dirt removal for the drive up project. A big thank you goes

to **Pete Visser** who ensured steady watering throughout the year and to **Ray Rahn** who created the tools to make watering on the lot possible. Thanks go to **Al Immenga** who assisted with the communication between the Town and TLC. We have

the town approval in writing that all requirements have been met. A big thank you to all for your help.

Christine Colley

**Big
Thank
You!**



A big thank you to **Martin Smith and Al Immenga** for fixing the sink clog and broken plumbing on the sink in the fellowship room!

Thank You

Thank you to **Ray Rahn and Peter Wildeman** for creating and installing a mechanism to make the eternal light candle easier to change out!

Thanks also to **Ray Rahn and Pete Visser** for doing some special updating work which helped make the lives of our volunteers much easier.

Extended Hands Food Bank

During the second quarter of 2016 we will be collecting cereal and other nonperishable breakfast foods for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Please bring your donations of any nonperishable food to Trinity and place them in the green receptacles by either of the main doors.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!





Link to online Calendar:

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



L W M L N e w s



A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items,

helped with set up, volunteered during, shopped at and helped with clean up for the Spring Garage and Bake Sale! You helped make this event a success!

The next meeting of Trinity's LWML will be on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 AM in the conference room at Trinity. Women of all ages are invited to attend!



L W M L S p r i n g C e l e b r a t i o n



Ocotillo/Palo Verde LWML Zone 27/30

SPRING CELEBRATION - APRIL 2, 2016

St. Luke Lutheran Church
807 N. Stapley Dr
Mesa, AZ 85203

9 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:30 a.m. Program

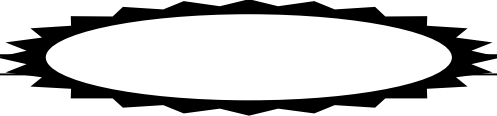
Guest Speaker: Family Promise of Greater Phoenix

Family Promise rescues primarily first time homeless families from the streets and provides emergency shelter and basic needs in a sixty day program designed to assist their return to self-sufficiency. Our shelter includes a sanctuary for the family pet, the first such program in Arizona.

Registration: \$10.00 - includes Lunch

Ingathering: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

Carpool will leave Trinity at 8:30 AM.



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A p r i l S u n d a y M o r n i n g S c h e d u l e

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.

B i b l e S t u d i e s

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

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