

The Trinity Truth

April 2018

AN APRIL FOOL'S EASTER

An interesting thing is happening this year. Easter happens to fall on April Fool's Day. Of course an important celebration like Easter will always trump a made up holiday like April Fool's Day. But, the coincidence of these two days falling on the same date started me to thinking: what kind of fool doesn't recognize or celebrate Easter?

Easter is the answer to the most vexing human problem. We all deal with lots of troubles and difficulties that are unique to each of us. The one problem that no human can avoid facing, however, is death. Some people struggle economically, others with illness, and still others with relationships; but all people will eventually face dying. The victory of Easter

is the single answer to the problem of death. On Easter morning Jesus demonstrated His dominion over death and the grave. Because of Easter we know that in our Savior we will all live into eternity! Only a fool would discard such a victory when it is so freely offered to them.

Easter is true. With all the eye witness accounts, the personal encounters with the risen Christ, the unshakeable faith of Jesus' followers that would not crumble even under persecution, and the extraordinary effort made to prevent the resurrection by the Jewish leaders, we know that Easter really did happen. Only a fool would deny its historicity.

Easter is the culminating statement of God's love for

us. If we didn't face the problem of sin and death, Jesus would not have had to die in our place. If Jesus didn't die, there would be no resurrection. Jesus didn't die and rise again for himself; but for us. It was purely the love of God for fallen and dying sinners that made Good Friday and Easter Sunday a reality. Only a fool could not see the depth of love God has for all of us by ignoring Easter.

Easter is the source of truest joy. We rejoice with a victorious Savior. We rejoice with saints around the world who have confidence in eternal life. We rejoice with those who have gone before us into heaven, and with those who will follow after us into glory. We rejoice at the ultimate defeat of our enemy,



Satan, and all his evil schemes. We rejoice with the Christian church whose message has not changed for two thousand years, **He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!** Only a fool would not celebrate on Easter Sunday.

You won't be fooled if you come to church on April 1st to celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

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RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

Sunday School News

Sunday School Classes for children will not meet on Easter (April 1). Classes will resume on April 8 at 9:30 AM. Kids will be learning about Easter and life in the early church.

Children age 5- Grade 6 are welcome to join us each week! Friends are

welcome!

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry with any questions.

Youth Confirmation Class

Youth confirmation classes will meet Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, and 30 (which will be the last class for this school year) from 4:00-5:00 PM.



Don't forget to register for Jr. High camp which will be May 24-27 at Tonto Rim Christian Camp near Payson. Social media is ever-present. From pre-teens to retirees, social media apps shape our behaviors in many unseen ways. The goal for camp this year is to transform the sight of social media apps into a trigger of positive thought and/or action. Lots of fun activities also planned. Register today!

Easter Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to share in the breakfast on April 1 in between worship services (beginning about 9:15 AM). We hope to see you there!

We are looking for volunteers to help with preparation and clean up of Easter Breakfast (April 1). Please contact Debbie or Christine if you would like to help by making deviled eggs, an egg casserole, or coffee cake.

We greatly appreciate any help given!



Memorial Services for Sherry Riggert

Our sister in Christ, Sherry Riggert, was welcomed to her heavenly home on March 1, 2018.

Arrangements have been made for her memorial service and are as follows.

Visitation with the family will be held on Monday, April 2, from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM and on Tuesday, April 3, beginning at 10:00 AM. The memorial service will begin at 11:00 AM on that same day. A

light lunch will follow the service. All of this will take place at Trinity.

Please keep Roger and his family in your prayers during this time.



Extended Hands Food Bank

For the second quarter of 2018, we are putting an added emphasis on collecting cereal in addition to gathering other nonperishable food items for Extended Hands Food Bank.

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



Recent Happenings



Roger gifted Trinity with a beautiful drawing he made this winter. He gave it to Trinity in memory of his mother-in-law, Elenor. You can see it hanging in the narthex next to the mailboxes. Thank you, Roger!!

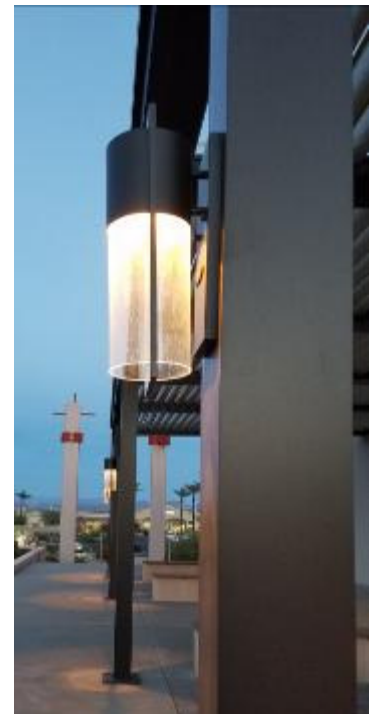


Thanks to generous sponsors for purchasing benches to place around the columbarium. Pictured above Corky, Kurt, and Martin are assembling the benches with a helpful contraption made by Ray! Thanks, guys!



Trinity's Voices of Praise Choir participated in the Fountain Hills Choir Fest on March 18. Thanks for making a joyful noise to the Lord! Check out Trinity's Facebook page to see a video clip from the event. Photo Credit: Bob

Final touches of the redecoration project are being put in place. Lights were recently installed on the posts of the shade covering.





Link to online Calendar:

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

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all of our wonderful and talented soup makers who provided delicious meals for us during the season of Lent. Your handiwork was enjoyed by many!



Thank You to all the TLC family for all their love and support since the passing of my dear wife, Sherry. The support came in the many cards that I have received, the food that was provided, and the verbal and emotional support you have given me. It is so gratifying to me that the support has come from my brothers and sisters in Christ. God bless you all.

Roger

We all enjoy the new motorized blinds. Not only will they provide shade where needed, they will keep the church cooler and protect the carpet area from fading when pulled down. The installation of these wonderful shades was made possible by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. We are thanking with grateful appreciation.



Save the Date- Spring Tea, May 12



The LWML will be hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday May 12, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Room at Trinity. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by contacting Debbie by April 28. Cost per person is \$20.00. Half of the proceeds from this event will be used to help cover expenses for the event and the

other half will be given as a donation to Food for Kidz. Food for Kidz is a non-profit organization based in Stewart, MN that is dedicated to feeding hungry children and their families nutritious meals. Each year, thousands of meals are prepared to be distributed to those in need. Half of the meals are donated to Phoenix

area food banks, and half are sent to the national Food For Kidz in Minnesota to be distributed internationally.

We hope you will join us for this event!

LWML Meeting



Lutheran Women in Mission

All women of Trinity are invited to the next meeting of the LWML on Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 AM. Planning for the Spring

Tea as well as a bit of time in God's Word will be on the agenda! We hope you will join us!

May Newsletter Deadline



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

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 April.



Welcoming the New Year with Yoga

Trinity will be the host site of a four week yoga series taught by Linda Rode. New or seasoned yogis will enjoy Linda's unique approach to this practice. Each week you'll learn a variety of techniques and poses which when practiced with consistency, will foster improved comfort, stability and flexibility in both body and mind.

The class meets on Wednesdays March 28, April 4, 11, and 18 from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Cost is \$48 per person for the series or \$15 per class.

Please contact Linda at 480-868-8023 to register.



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April Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

8:00 AM **Worship**

Followed by Fellowship

9:30 AM **Christian Education for all ages**

(No Classes on April 1st. Please join us for Easter Breakfast.)

10:30 AM **Worship**

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship 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